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HOXNE (pronounced Hoxen) is a very old village in the Northern part of Suffolk County, England, with a history dating well back into Anglo-Saxon times. It is in the parish of the same name, and very near the Waveney river, which forms the boundary between Suffolk and Norfolk. Near it, Edmund, King of the East Angles, was captured, after the defeat of his army by the Danes in 870, and brutally murdered by being tied to a tree and shot with many arrows. The account goes on to say that his head was then cut off and thrown into the woods, and that, when the Danes left and search was made for the head, a wolf was found sitting on his haunches holding the head in his paws. The head was restored to the body, and became miraculously united to it.

St. Edmund, as he was then called, was buried at Hoxne, and a small wooden chapel erected over the grave. About thirty-three years later, the body was removed to Bury, now Bury St. Edmund's, and interred in the church of a monastery there. On account of wars, the body was moved several times to other parts of England, finally coming back to Bury St. Edmund's, where it now rests.

Many stories are told of miracles performed on these travels.

From this environment came the family with which this article is concerned.

A moment's consideration of the origin of surnames will make this clear. Before the use of surnames was general, to distinguish between two men of the same name, living in the same place, some descriptive term was attached to his name, as his trade, place of residence, a physical characteristic, parentage, etc. Thus, if there were four Williams living in the same place, one, who was a smith of some kind, might be called William, the Smith; one, who lived on a hill, William of the Hill; one, who was of low stature,

Edmund's Tomb, I.

William the Short, and if the fourth was the son of a John, William, John's son; these designations becoming eventually William Smith, William Hill, William Short and William Johnson. One way of distinguishing a man from others of the same name — in the case where he had moved from one village to another — was to give the name of the place from which he had come, thus William of Hoxne, or in the Norman-French, William de Hoxne, becoming eventually William Hoxne.

This was the origin of the name of the family in which we are interested, Hoxne being changed later, as we shall see, to Hoxton. I have early records of several of this name, among them William de Hoxne, 1279, Hugh de Hoxne, 1316 and 1344, John de Hoxne, 1336. All of them, or some ancestors, came originally from Hoxne and settled in some other part of England. In particular, John de Hoxne and William de Hoxne were tenants of the Manor of Sotherton in the reign of Richard II, being mentioned several times in the Court Rolls of this Manor between 5 Richard II and 22 Richard II. The rolls, 1399-1461, are missing and no evidence can be obtained from the available rolls as to the relationship of these Hoxnes, if any, to the family in which we are interested. The Sotherton Court Rolls consist of fragments in the reigns of Edward I, Edward III, Richard II, complete from 5th year Hen. V, Hen. VI, Edw. IV, complete, and then 1549 to 1753, end of search but not of rolls.

Before continuing this article, I wish to gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to The Right Honorable the Earl of Stradbroke, owner of the Manors of Sotherton and Henham, who most courteously permitted the rolls of these manors to be searched in my behalf. What has been gathered from these rolls, not only has proved the Hoxton pedigree and carried it one generation earlier, but has given a picture of the life of earlier generations, which could have been obtained in no other way.

We shall begin with one from whom the descent can be traced.

JOHN¹ HOXON, COUNTY SUFFOLK

He is John¹ Hoxon who is mentioned several times in the fragment of the Court Rolls of the Manor of Sotherton, Co. Suffolk, 1461-1485, in Public Record Office, London. Only a few of these items can be given.

General Court with leet held at Sotherton on Thursday of feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle. 1 Edw. IV. (June 1, 1461). Leet. John Hoxson presented for having thorn growing upon the way called Oprescessyon mere leading from Wyskele Lands — toward the common bank in Sotherton to the hurt of the neighbours.

Therefore in mercy 6d.——Court with leet Thursday, feast of St. Barnabas, 7 Edw. IV. (June 1467). John Hoxson and three others are jurors in the lord's tithing at this leet. —— First Court of John Brightyeve, son and heir of Edmund Brightyeve, late of Bernham broom held at Sotherton Thursday after the feast of All Saints, 7 Edw. IV. (Nov. 1467). It is ordered to distrain the Prior of Beale, the Prior of Wangford, Thomas Crofts, John Sparbre, John Hoxson and all other free tenants of the said lord, who have not done fealty to the lord, that they be at the next Court to do fealty to the said lord for their free lands and tenements. —— Court with leet, 12 Edw. IV (June 1472). John Woley of Blicheburgh and William Alkok each in mercy 18d. for taking dstraint of John Hoxon and abducting the same to Bulcamp beyond the liberty of this manor against the common custom of the Manor of ancient usage. —— Court Friday in feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 13 Edward IV (Nov. 1473). John Hoxon to be distrained to show how he has ingress to one messuage with lands and tenements in Sotherton, which were William Sotherton's, as appears by evidence held of the lord by service of 3s. yearly rent. —— Court 17 Edw. IV. (June 1477). Roger Bolton servant of John Hoxon is sworn in the tithing. —— Court held Thursday before the feast of Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary, 19 Edward. IV (Feb. 1479). John Hoxon to be distrained to do homage and fealty to the lord for his tenement in Sotherton late William Sotherton's. —— In several items regarding transfer of land, it is described as abutting on land of John Hoxon. He is mentioned several times as one of the chief pledges. —— Court with leet, Monday in feast of St. Barnabas 21 Edw. IV (June 1481). John Hoxon is ordered to sufficiently scour (i.e. clean) the river between Brampton and Sotherton next his field before the next leet under penalty of 12d. —— Court with leet Monday before the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 1 Richard III (June 1483). The Jury present that John Spauke (or Spanke), on his dying bed surrendered into the hand of Nicholas Verdon, bond tenant, by witness of John Chapman, bond tenant, and others of the homage, 14 acres of arable land lying in divers pieces in Sotherton, to wit, 5 pieces lying between Sotirton Meddys and the Kings way leading from Sotirton bridge to Wangford. 3 pieces residue of the 14 acres lying on the South of the said King's way and 3 acres of bond land lying in Sotirton in 2 pieces next Brampton common on the South to the use of John Hoxon and Agnes his wife, to whom delivery was made to hold to them their heirs and assigns. And they give 20s. as fine and do fealty.

This last item is very important, as by means of it and another item 150 years later, it will be proved that this John Hoxon is ancestor of the Hoxtons in whom we are interested.

JOHN² HOXNE, OF SOTHERTON, COUNTY SUFFOLK

We next have John² Hoxne, who will be shown later to be the son or grandson of John¹ Hoxon; most probably son. An exact copy of his will follows:

WILL OF JOHN² HOXNE of Sotherton, County Suffolk. Probated at Blythburgh before William Talmash 2 May, 1536. Ipswich Probate Office, Book 12, folio 108.

In the name of God amen the xiiijth daye of October in the yere off o^r Lord God mccccxxvth I John Hoxne of Sotherton in hole mynde & memorye make my last will & testament in forme followyng That ys to saye ffirst I bequeth my soule to allmyghtie god besechyng o^r Ladye Mother of the Seconde pson Jesu wth all saynte to be a mene for my soule my bodye to be buryed in the prch cherkh yard of saynt Andrewe in Sotherton ffyrst I geve & bequeth to the hygh Aulter of saynt Andrewe of Sotherton for tythes forgotten xx^d Itm I geve & bequeth to the cathedral cherkh of Cristyes Cherkh of Norwich iiij^d Itm I geve & bequeth to eche of the orders of ffryers of Donwych xij^d Itm to the Austyn fryers of Gorlyston xij^d Itm to the Whyte ffryers of Yermouth xij^d Itm I geve & bequethe to the repacon of Saynt Andrewys cherkh of Sotherton aforesaid xx^s Itm I geve & bequethe to each of myn godchyl dren at thys tyme beynge a lyve viij^d Itm I geve & bequethe to Kateryne Hoxne my wyff all & syngler my londs holdyn by Cope of the Prior of Elye to do wth ytt what she will geve yt or sell ytt Itm I will that Robt Hoxne have my iiij horses for xl^s payeng the said xl^s to hys mother in iiij yerys that ys to saye x^s by yere Itm I geve & bequeth to Kateryne my wyff viij mylch keen off the best Itm I geve & bequeth the (other?) ij to Robt. Hoxne my son The residue of my goods as moveabylls unbequethyd I putte the order & dysposycon of myn wyff whom I make myn executrix Wyttenes of thys my last will Robt Clarke of Sowold whom I make my supvysor to see thys my wyll & testament fulfyllled Wyttenes of thys my last will John Lese & John Pereson wth other.

ROBERT³ HOXTON, OF SOTHERTON, COUNTY SUFFOLK

The next person in whom we are interested is Robert³ Hoxton (Hoxne) of Sotherton ,b....., buried 15 Dec. 1588. That he is Robert³ Hoxne, the son of John² Hoxne, will be definitely proved later. We shall assume it now and call him Robert.³ The register of St. Andrew's Church, Sotherton, begins in 1558; hence could have no record of the birth of Robert Hoxne. From the will of John² Hoxne, however, in which he leaves to his son Robert four horses and two cows, Robert to pay his mother 40s for the horses, it seems that Robert must have been of age, and hence born not later than 1514.

He signs his will Robert Hoxton, but in the parish register and Manor Rolls he is called Hoxne (Hoxon, Hoxen). The change from Hoxne to Hoxton became for the family quite well established by 1612, but there were occasional lapses for some years.

The will of Robert³ Hoxton is a very long one, over 2,200 words, and only an abstract can be given here. It is as follows:

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF ROBERT³ HOXTON "of Sotherton in the Countie of Suff and the diocs. of Norwich, yeoman," dated 16 May 1588 "in the yere of the Reigne of our soverayne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England, ffraunce and Ireland defender of the fayth the Thirtethe."

This will, comprising some 2,250 words, and witnessed by John Bryan, Clarke, Robert Chapman, Brian Hadlie and George Mercer, names "Katherine my wief and Robert Hoxton the sone of Reynold my sone" as executors and "my brother-in-lawe Robert Drake and my son-in-lawe Reygnold Lesseye to be my supervisors of the same." Proved 20 January, 1588/9 in Ipswich Probate Office. Book 32, folio 54. *To Katherine "my wief"*: During her widowhood, "these pcells of my mesuage wherein I now dwell in Sotherton . . . the parlor, the parlor chamber, the ranse (vance?) roofe and that halfe of the hall chamber which is next unto the parlor chamber . . . and also fre ingate and outgate and fre libertie to brewe and bake in the backhouse there . . . and also all the fruite of appells peares wardens and damsens . . . growinge in the ortyard beinge at the South end of my sayd mesuage" During her widowhood, "the kepinge of two mylch kine and one horse beast" to be provided with proper food and stable room at the expense of "him or them which for the tyme being shall have and inioye the sayd mesuage and grounds." "One annuitie or yerelye pencon of six combes of wheat and tenne combes of malte good cleane and swete corn and tenne loads of shorte woode . . . with convenient yarde roome for the layinge of the same woode and fre ingate and outgate for the cariage of the sayd woode to the parlor aforesayde." The wheat, malt and wood to be delivered out of the estate each year "until all debts and somes of money which I doe owe unto one John Betts shall be fullye and wholye satisfied and payd," and until the said debts were so paid Katherine shall have the "kepinge of thre kyne over and besides the two mylch kyne aforesayde to be well and sufficientlye with winter meate and somer meate." When the debts owed to John Betts had been fully paid, the annuity of wheat, malt and wood and the keeping of the last mentioned three cows was to "utterlye cease and determyne and be no longer payd." "One annuytie or annuall pencon of twentye markes of good and lawfull monye of England to be payd out of all my sayd mesuage lands tenements and hereditaments" every year during her natural life in two equal installments in the "feasts of the anuncyacon of the blessed virgin Marie and St. Michaell Tharkangell" beginning within one half year after the debts to John Betts were fully paid. This annuity was to be in lieu of an annuity of the same amount "granted unto my sayd wief by my fre dede thereof unto her made before she became my wief also of all right titell and interest of dower" in the properties of the testator. Provision is made that in case of delay or default in payment or performance of any of her legacies, Katherine or her assigns could enter upon any or all of the properties and take away movable goods in satisfaction of her just claims. There is also provision that if Katherine should, through process of law, claim or demand the annuity granted her before marriage or "anye maner of joynture dower or third foote" of any of the testator's properties, she would forfeit all gifts, legacies and annuities under the will. Five "dayry kyne out of the tenne kyne which I nowe have" and "one horse beast the best that I have." Also numerous articles of household furniture and equipment including beds and bedding, linen, vessels of brass and pewter, silver spoons and utensils for the dairy and for brewing, cooking and making cheese. — *To Reynold Hoxton, son*: "One annuytee or yerely pencon of fowertene pounds of lawfull monye of England" to be paid each year during his natural life "in the feastes of the annuciation of the blessed virgin Marye and St. Michaell tharkangell" beginning within half a year after the debts owing to John Betts were fully paid. Provision is made

that in case of delay or default in payment Reynold Hoxton or his assigns could enter upon the property and take moveable goods therefrom in satisfaction of his just claims. One grey gelding and one half of all wearing apparel of the testator. ——— *To Robert Hoxton, son:* "The some of one hundred pounds of lawefull monye of England" to be paid to him at or in the parish church of Sotherton when he shall have reached the age of twenty two years, or within forty days thereafter. In event of default in the payment of the one hundred pounds or any part thereof, the said Robert Hoxton "shall enter into all my inclose of grownde bonde fre and lease grownd caled upper hastings and nether hastings and beinge in Sotherton aforesayd and Henham in the sayd countie of Suff and shall have hold and enjoye the same to him and his heires and assignes forever in liewe and recompence of the sayd some of one hundred pounds . . ." One third of the silver spoons not otherwise specifically bequeathed, also one black colt. ——— *To Robert Hoxton, son of said son Reynold Hoxton, and to his heirs and assigns forever:* "All my sayd mesuage where I nowe dwell and all and singuler my lands tents and hereditaments whatsoever both fre and bonde with all and singuler the appurtncs sytuate lyinge ad beinge in Sotherton and Henham aforesayd or elsewhere within the countie of Suff and he to enter the same ymediatelye after my decease." One half of all wearing apparel of the testator. One third of the silver spoons not otherwise specifically bequeathed. All goods, chattels and cattle not otherwise bequeathed, to be applied to the payment of the testator's debts and the performance of this his last will and testament. ——— *To Prudence Seman, daughter of wife Katherine:* "One of my best silver spoons and my bedstead wherein I doe use to lye." ——— *To Thomas Lesseye, "son of my daughter Katherine Lesseye":* One third of the silver spoons not otherwise specifically bequeathed. ——— *To Reynold Lesseye, son-in-law:* "My bookes of Martiers" for his services as supervisor of the administration of the will. ——— The will provides that in the event Robert Hoxton, son of the testator, should die before reaching the age of twenty two years, the following grand-children of the testator (all children of Reynold Hoxton) should receive out of the one hundred pounds bequeathed to Robert at that age, the following amounts: Reynold Hoxton "xx^{ls}," John Hoxton five pounds, Marye Hoxton ten pounds, and margret Hoxton five pounds; payment to be made within forty days after the time when Robert would have reached the age of twenty two years had he lived.

From this will and from the parish register of St. Andrew's Church, Sotherton, Suffolk (all the dates given being of record in that register) we have the following data regarding the marriages and the children of Robert³ Hoxton.

Robert³ Hoxton mar. 1st. Elizabeth b.; bur. 8th May 1575; mar. 2nd. Katherine Seaman, 3rd Oct. 1575; she was b.; bur. 30th Aug. 1605. She was a widow, and had by her previous marriage, a daughter Prudence Seaman.

Robert³ Hoxton and his 1st wife Elizabeth, had issue:

REYNOLD,⁴ b. ; d. , mar. Jane Deringe, 26th Feb. 1564/5.

Katherine,⁴ b. ; d. ; mar. Reynold Lesseye, 7th July 1566, and had a son Thomas Lesseye.

Robert³ Hoxton and his 2nd wife, Katherine Seaman had issue:

Robert,⁴ bap. 19th Aug. 1576; bur. 24th Apr. 1612. He was known as Robert, the Younger; of this line later.

ROBERT³ HOXTON AND REYNOLD⁴ HOXTON

We shall now give some interesting facts about the lives of Robert³ and Reynold⁴ Hoxton taken from the Court Rolls of Sotherton and Henham Manors. The results of search of the Sotherton Rolls, 1461-1485, have been given; that of these Rolls, 1549-1753, and the Henham Rolls, 1485-1647, will now be taken up. Unfortunately the Sotherton Rolls, 1485-1549, have not been located and are probably lost. It is only possible to give a few extracts, but the full results of these searches will be deposited with the Virginia Historical Society.

We shall first give extracts relating to Robert³ from the Sotherton Rolls covering the last forty years of his life, then those from the Henham Rolls, and then those relating to Reynold⁴ from both Rolls.

First Court General with Leet of Thomas Rous, Esq., son and heir of Anthony Rous, Knt, late deceased, Dec. 3 Edw. VI. At this Court, the lord, present in Court, in consideration of a certain covenant and agreement between the lord & Robert Hoxne granted out of hands to the same Robert Hoxne & his heirs 10½ ac wood of Inham Wood on Sotherton, & that the same Robert should hold the said 10½ acres as firmly and securely as the same Robert holds any customary lands of this manor. Robert has seisin thereof by the rod to hold at the lord's will according to the custom of the manor. He gives as fine 8s 9½d and has done fealty. (Several other tenants have similar grants of about 10 ac wood.) — Court General with Leet, Oct. 4 Edw. VI. Robert Hoxne elected to the office of under-constable and sworn. — Court holden 1 Apr. 6 Edw. VI. Presentment that Robert Hoxne without licence let to farm Robert Taillour certain bond lands for five years from St. Michael next after this Court. No one comes. — Court with Leet, Tues. after St. Faith, 3 & 4 Philip & Mary. To this Court came Robert Hoxn & Isabella his wife (Elizabeth). (She examined apart by the Steward and being present in court and consenting) and surrendered the 10½ ac of Inham Wood (see above) to the use of John Leece & his heirs. Leece pays 20s fine. — Court General with Leet, Sep. 4 & 5 Philip & Mary. The homage present that a bay mare came astray into the lordship and remained in the custody of Robert Hoxne the lord's bailiff for a year and more. It is appraised at 12s over & above its grazing. This to be levied to the lord's use. — Robert Hoxne is mentioned in 1560 as of the Inquest of Office, first of eight, and up to time of his death is mentioned five times as of the I. of O., always first of numbers varying from seven to ten, and nine times among the Capital Pledges, always first of numbers varying from eleven to fourteen. He was evidently one of the most important tenants of the manor on account of property and seniority. — Court, 2 Sep. 4 Eliz. First Court with leet of Michael Hare, Esq. and John Hare of London, gent, feoffees to the use of Anne now wife of Thos.

Rous, Esq. for her jointure. At this Court came Robert Hoxne and ten others (H listed first) and attorn tenant, each by paying 1d. They did fealty. — He purchased several small tracts of land, leases others, and would seem to have consolidated them with inherited land into Upper Hastings and Nether Hastings, which are mentioned in his will. He appears as an attorney and many times in the transfer of land between various parties according to manorial custom. — Court, 29 Aug. 25 Eliz. At this court came Robert Hoxne and craves licence from the lady to let to farm all of his bond lands and tenements holden of this manor to whomsoever he shall please for 21 years from Michaelmas next after this court. It is granted and he gives fine (amount blank). Robert³ is evidently growing old and seeks relief from management of his property, his son Reynold being untrustworthy and his grandson not being of age. This substantiates the estimate that he was born prior to 1515. He, however, appears after this once as of the I. of O., and four times as Cap. Pl., the last time being 20 Sep. 1588 (1st of 14), a short time before he died. Next Court, 24 Mar. 1588. Death of Robert Hoxne is announced, and his surrender of his bond land and tenements to the lord for the use of his will. — Court General with leet, 10 Sep. 1589. Robert⁵ Hoxne Cap. Pl. (3d of 12). Whereas at the last court it was presented by the homage that Robert Hoxne had died, having surrendered etc. (see above), and now at this court comes Robert Hoxne, son of Reginald Hoxne, and shows the will of said Robert deceased, (see will of Robert³); Robert⁵ Hoxne is admitted and has livery of seizin. Has done fealty. Fine £10. A schedule of his lands is given, which is too long to quote here, but the first two paragraphs contain description of lands exactly as given in the bequest of John Spanke to John¹ Hoxon and his wife, Agnes, thus proving that Robert³ is a descendant, grandson or great grandson of John.¹ We shall have later the schedule of Robert's⁶ lands, containing a schedule of John's² lands, which will show conclusively that John² was father of Robert,³ and either son or grandson of John,¹ probably son.

Court Rolls of Henham Manor and Henham with Cravens, 1485-1647.

No Hoxne appears until the Court 18 Feb. 1 & 2 Philip & Mary (1553), at which Court the lords grant to farm out of their hands and let to Robert Hoxne all those meadows and pastures called Overbyxleys and Netherbyxleys (except a house occupied by John Hugman), his executors and assigns from feast of St. Michael last for 5 yrs., paying to the lords and their heirs £5 at two terms, namely at the Annunciation and Michaelmas (with many conditions, lack of space prevents giving). — Court 22 June 5 Eliz. Robert Hoxne buys land, 5 ac. called Frendes, and 6 ac. called Smethies from Robt Glenforth; pays fine 33s 4d, and has done fealty. — Court 14 Sep. 14 Eliz. Robert Hoxne and Elizabeth his wife surrender land, Frendes (5 ac.), bought of Robt. Glenforth to the use of Wm. Bennet, that Wm. Bennet to pay to said Robert, his executors or assigns, £19, namely at Michaelmas 1573 £3, 10s, and yearly thereafter £3, 10s until the full £19 is satisfied, and that if Wm default in said payments the surrender shall be to the use of Robt. Hoxne his heirs and assigns forever. — Easter 1575 Robert Hoxne and seven others fined for not cleaning common stream. — In 1577 Robert Hoxne fined for not making sufficient two barred styles, one from

Beckles Lane to the Town Mere, and one from Hastynges to Bixleyes Lane. — Court 29 Aug. 25 Eliz. Robert Hoxne prays licence to let to farm all of his bond lands and tenements holden of the Manor by copy of Court Roll to whomsoever he please for 21 years from Michaelmas next after court. Granted. (See Sotherton Rolls same date.) — Court 26 Oct. 28 Eliz. Robt. Hoxne and wife Anne surrender and quit claim to Robt. Murdock all claims in bond lands in Henham which Robt. Hoxne and Anne could have or claim. [Anne is a mistake. Should be Katherine.] — Court 24 Mar. 1588. Tenants of lands late of Robt. Hoxne fined for not making sufficient barred style on the town mere.

From The Rous (Henham) Family Records we have the following item: "To all to whom this present deed shall come, I Thomas Rous of Henham Co. Suffolk, esquire, in recompense and consideration that my beloved in Christ Robert Hoxton of Sotterton and Thomas Walbye of Reydon in the same county, yeomen, are bound by several writings obligatory for the payment of £143.6s.8d. payable to John Mayhewe of Chyppesby Co. Norfolk, yeoman, Viz. £6.13s.4d. at the feast of St. Michael next to come and so yearly £6.13s.4d. until the said John Mayhewe shall have been fully paid, have given and granted to the said Robert and Thomas an annuity or yearly rent of £6.16s.8d. issuing out of my manor of Wangford payable to the same Robert and Thomas their executors and assigns at the feast of St. Mathew the Apostle to have to receive and to levy the said annuity to the said Robert and Thomas their executors and assigns from the feast of St. Mathew Ap. last past for the term of 21 years next to come, and moreover I will that if the said annuity should be in arrear it shall be lawful for the said Robert and Thomas their executors and assigns to enter into my said manor and to distrain the Chattels there found until the said annuity should be fully satisfied together with the arrears the damages and costs thereof if any there be and for 20s. pain of forfeiture to the same Robert and Thomas their executors and assigns, and I in deed the said Thomas will warrant the whole yearly rent aforesaid to the said Robert and Thomas their executors and assigns for the term of 21 years." Dated at Henham 4 Nov., 1556. (Translated from the Latin by Miss Redstone).

In Sotherton Rolls, Reynold⁴ (Reginald) Hoxne is mentioned between 1566 and 1581 as Capital Pledge 6 times listed 3rd or 4th, and three times as of Inquest of Office, 4th, 2nd and 6th. First mention is 31 Mar. 1565. George Vesey has alienated a certain tenement and bond land to Reginald Hoxne without licence of the Court. — Court 1 Apr. 8 Eliz. George Vesey and wife Marion surrender to the use of Reginald Hoxne and his heirs to whom siezin is delivered and to Jane his wife, a mesuage called Newmans in Sotherton with 25 acres bond land held of the lord by fealty and service and 20s rent by the year and suit of court. Also 3ac. bond land called Coolses in Henham, and 13 ac. of woodland part of Ballfield. — Court 1, Apr. 1568, Reginald Hoxne wins a suit for trespass against John Noone. Damages assessed at 16d and ordinary costs. Defendant is fined 3d. — At next Court Sep. 1568, Reginald Hoxne is chosen under constable. — Court Sep 21 Eliz. Reg. H. is essoined of the common suit by his father. — Court 9 Sep. 23 Eliz. Cap. Plg. Robert Hoxne 1st and Reg. Hoxne 3rd of 11. — Court 7 Apr. 1582, Reginald Hoxne surrenders into the lord's hand to the use of Wm Bennet all the lands and tenement

that he took 1 Apr. 8 Eliz. Fine £5. This is the last mention of Reginald Hoxne in Sotherton Rolls.

The only mentions of Reginald Hoxne in the Henham Rolls are as follows:

Court Sep. 1570. Wm. Bennet surrenders to use of Reg. H. 3rd pasture, Fine 3s 4d. Wm Bennet's mother Alice quitclaims the land to Reg. H. ——— Court Mar. 24, 1575. Reg. H. surrenders same land to Wm Bennet. Fine 3s.

The name of John Betts does not occur in the extracts from the Manor Rolls but Reginald Hoxne must have been compelled to sell his lands and house; hence his disinheritance.

DEFINITIONS

Tithing. The householders and, with some exceptions, the other male inhabitants of the Manor were divided into groups, each group originally ten in number; hence "tithing." The members of a tithing were mutually pledged for the good behavior of the other members; hence "pledges." The chief man of the tithing was responsible for the conduct of the tithing, and was called the "tithing man" or "Capital Pledge." The system was called "frankpledge."

View of Frankpledge. An investigation at court to see that every inhabitant of the Manor or township was in a tithing. This was usually satisfied by the attendance of the Capital Pledges, who were bound to come to that court only.

Court. It consisted of Court (Baron) General, which dealt with matters between tenant and tenant, or between the lord and the tenant, largely concerning the transfer of ownership of land; and the Leet, which dealt with minor offences of residents, and was allied to the View of Frankpledge.

Inquest of Office. An inquisition into certain matters made in court by a sworn body of suitors, whose names are listed under this head in the Court Baron rolls.

The Homage. The suitors who owe allegiance to the lord including the duty of attending his courts and serving upon sworn inquests. Presentment of offences committed by tenants of the Manor might be made to the court by the whole body of suitors or by some of them selected to serve upon a sworn inquest.

Suit of Court. Certain tenants, as one of the conditions on which they held their land, were required to attend the Court Sessions. They were called suitors. If one of them failed to appear, he was amerced unless he was "essoined of suit"; that is, excused.

Attorn. When the lordship of a manor changed, all tenants had to appear at court and "attorn tenant"; that is, acknowledge that they are tenants of the new lord.

Fine and Amercement. In the transfer of land, the "fine" was not for an offence, but a payment to the lord, in some cases called a "relief." Payment for an offence was called an "amercement."

Mere, Meare. A boundary; e.g. The "Town Meare," being sometimes a path.

PERTINENT REIGNS

Richard II, 22 June, 1377-30 Sep., 1399; Henry IV, 30 Sep., 1399-20 Mar., 1413; Henry V, 21 Mar., 1413-31 Aug., 1422; Henry VI, 1 Sep., 1422-4 Mar., 1461; Edward IV, 4 Mar., 1461-9 Apr., 1483; Edward V, 9 Apr., 1483-25 June, 1483; Richard III, 26 June, 1483-22 Aug., 1485; Henry VII, 22 Aug., 1485-21 Apr., 1509; Henry VIII, 22 Apr., 1509-28 Jan., 1547; Edward VI, 28 Jan., 1547-6 July, 1553; Mary (and Philip), 19 July, 1553-17 Nov., 1558; Elizabeth, 17 Nov., 1558-24 Mar., 1603; James I, 24 Mar., 1603-27 Mar., 1625; Charles I, 27 Mar., 1625-30 Jan., 1649; Charles II, 30 Jan., 1649, 29 May, 1660-6 Feb., 1685.

Robert³ Hoxton, however, wishing his lands to descend in the senior male line, leaves them to his eldest grandson, Robert, son of Reynold, in whom he must have had confidence, although Robert was only twenty-two years old when Robert³ made his will. Unfortunately, the maiden names of

Robert's³ wives are unknown. An extended search for a marriage of a male Seaman to some woman with the Christian name Katherine has been unsuccessful. It was hoped that Robert's³ calling Robert Drake his brother-in-law would give a clue to the name of one or the other of Robert's wives, but no Robert Drake will has been found.

In what follows, only the senior male line will be fully considered, the name of the senior male representative in each generation being printed in heavier type.

No will or administration of Reynold⁴ Hoxton can be found, which is not surprising under the circumstances mentioned, and no record of his death has yet been found. However, we have from the parish register of St. Andrew's Church, Sotherton, Suffolk, and Robert's³ will the following data regarding his children.

Issue of Reynold⁴ and Jane (Deringe) Hoxton:

ROBERT⁵ bap. 26th May, 1566, bur. "Last of Jan., 1621/2."

Reynold⁵ bap. 6th Aug. 1568. *Of this line later.*

John⁵ bap. 25th Aug., 1571.

Maria⁵ (Mary) bap. 25th July, 1574.

Catherine⁵ bap. 6th Nov. 1575. Not mentioned in Robert's³ will. Probably dead.

Margaret⁵ mentioned in Robert's³ will, but not in parish register.

It is interesting to note that Robert³ Hoxton calls himself "Yeoman," as does his grandson Robert.⁵ The yeomen were of fundamental importance in the rural society of that day. They were the owners of smaller estates than the gentry, although some of them possessed incomes equal to those of the poorer gentry. They exercised their right to vote, and took an intelligent part in national affairs. They formed a large part of Cromwell's Ironsides. (See Lunt, *History of England*, page 531.)

ROBERT⁵ HOXTON, OF BECKLIS (BECCLES), COUNTY SUFFOLK

We shall now take up Robert⁵ Hoxton. His will is also very long, over 2,500 words, and only an abstract can be given. He married, 6th Feb., 1588/9, Prudence Seaman, who was undoubtedly a daughter of his step-mother by a previous marriage. After Robert's⁵ death, she married William Yorges, 3 Dec. 1622 (Register of St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, Suffolk).

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF ROBERT⁵ HOXTON "of Becklis in the Countie of Suff. yeoman," dated 26 December, 1621 "in the yeare of the raygne of o'r Sovoraigne Lord James by the grace of God of England Fraunce and Ireland Kinge defender of the

fayth &c the nyntenn & of Scotland the five & fiftie." — This will of about 2,500 words witnessed by Robte. Meeke, Robert Kinge, Henery Brettayn and James Roberts, names Prudence Hoxton, wife, as sole executrix with Reighnold Hoxton, brother, and Thomas Leassey of Weneston, cousin, as supervisors. Will is signed "Robert Hoxton." Probated 18th March, 1621/2 at Beccles in County Suffolk. Original wills 1621 No. 139. — To Robert Hoxton, son, and his male heirs forever: "All my messuages lands tenements meddowes pastures feedings and all other my hereditaments with all and singuler ther appurtenaunces as well all those that I hold by free deed as also those that I hold by Coppie of Cort Roll and by lease sette lienge & beinge in Sotherton and Henham within the Countie of Suff." — To Prudence "my well beloved wyfe and to heir Assignes": "The some of twentie pounds a yere of lawfull englishe monie" to be paid by the Said Robert Hoxton, his heirs and assigns, during her natural life, in two equal installments "at the feast dayes of thennunciacon of o'r blessed ladie St. marye the virgine and St. Michael tharchangell." This annuity to be "in Consideracon of all hir thirds or dower and other Rights or titles that she or hir Assignes cann or maye have, or Challenge into all or anye my aforesaid messuages landes & tenements with all and singuler there appurtenaunces by anie kinde of means or wayes whatsoever."

"All my howshold stufte Implements of howshold Cattells and Chattelles Corne grayne plate monie & all some and somes of monie as well due unto me my bondes or billes as also by anie othere kinde of wayes or means whatsoever beinge not before by this my last will and Testament bequeathed towards the bringinge uppe and mayntenaunce of all my Children." — To John Hoxton, son: Twenty pounds to be paid to him within one half year after death of testator. — To Reyghnold Hoxton, son: One hundred pounds to be paid to him within one year after death of testator. — To Katherin Hoxton, daughter; Thomas Hoxton, son; Susan Hoxton, daughter and Owin Hoxton, son: One hundred pounds each to be paid at the age of 21 years, or within one year after decease of testator if any of them should at that time have reached the age of 21, by Robert Hoxton, "my sonne," his heirs or assigns. — Provision is made that if the testator's son, Robert Hoxton, should die before his male heir reached the age of 21, then Reyghnold Hoxton, his brother, should take charge of and manage the estate until Robert's male heir became of age, carrying out all the legacies and directions of the will, and paying (on the usual feast days) to the widow of Robert Hoxton or her assigns the sum of twenty pounds per year "Towards the Education, Learning and bringinge upp" of the said male heir of Robert Hoxton until he should be 21 years of age. For his services Reyghnold Hoxton was to receive five pounds per year. — All the "Residue of the Rents profits & Commodities" from the estate after payment of all the aforesaid legacies to be divided by Reyghnold and paid annually in equal parts to "all my children — John, Reyghnold, Thomas, Owin, Katherin and Susan," this provision to cease when the male heir of Robert Hoxton became 21 years of age. — To Reighnold Lessey, Godson; Robert Hoxton, Godson; and Reighnold Hoxton, Godson: Ten shillings each. — In the event Robert Hoxton died without a male heir, all of the properties in Sotherton and Henham bequeathed to him were to pass to John Hoxton and his male heir, and under similar conditions thereafter in turn to the other sons of the testator, viz; Reyghnold

Hoxton, Thomas Hoxton and Owin Hoxton. — If, under this provision John Hoxton should inherit the property and there should be a daughter or daughters of Robert Hoxton then living, two hundred pounds was to be divided by John Hoxton equally among them at their respective ages of 21 years or upon marriage, whichever happened first; provided that the widow of Robert Hoxton relinquished any claim she might have as to the said two hundred pounds, and if the widow refused to do so, the amount going to the daughters of Robert Hoxton would be reduced to one hundred pounds. — If none of the sons of the testator should have a male heir, the properties would go to the testator's brother, Reighnold Hoxton, with provision that each of the testator's daughters, Katherin and Susan, should receive one hundred pounds in addition to the one hundred pounds previously bequeathed to each of them. Also provided that any living daughter or daughters of the testator's sons, not exceeding eight, should receive fifty pounds each, and if more than eight, four hundred pounds to be divided equally among them; payment to be made when the said daughters reached the age of 21, or married, whichever happened first. In case the testator's brother, Reighnold Hoxton, and his male heirs died without male issue, the properties would pass to the male heirs of the testator's "Uncle Robert Hoxton late of Sotherton" who should pay all the legacies provided above to be paid by Reighnold Hoxton. — Provision is also made that if the testator's son Robert Hoxton or any other person holding the property under this will failed to fully pay any of the specified legacies, the legatees involved could enter upon any and all of the properties in Sotherton and Henham for the Satisfaction of such legacies. — To Robert Hoxton, son, and his heirs forever: "All that my p't of my houses lands tenements meaddowes marshes pastures & feedings as well free hold as Coppie of Corte Rolle wch I latlye purchased lieing in Blithburgh and Walberswick wth all & singuler ther appurtenaunces with Conclon that Robert Hoxton my sonn shall paye or cause to be Contented & payd the some of fiftie pounds . . . unto William Lillie of Sotherton aforesaid wch I owe unto him by wryghtinge obligatories in one hundred pounds." If Robert should default in the payment of these obligations and the conditions thereof "eyther in pt or in hole," then these properties in Blythburgh and Walberswick would go to the testator's son Reighnold Hoxton and his heirs forever on condition that he take up and discharge the said obligations. — To Reighnold Hoxton, brother, and Thomas Leassey, cousin: "Twentie shillings a peece to make either of them a Ringe." For services supervising administration of will.

Robert⁵ Hoxton's life is covered in the Sotherton Rolls, except unfortunately, the last four years, there being a gap in the Rolls from 14 Apr. 1619 to 14 Oct. 1625. We have therefore no schedule of his lands given when his son Robert⁶ inherited. This is, however, unimportant as these lands are given in the schedule of Robert's⁶ lands.

Robert⁵ Hoxton was most assiduous in his manorial duties. In the 29 years covered by the Sotherton Rolls, he appears as Cap. Pl. 12 times, listed 3rd first time, 1st last time; and of Inquest of Office 25 times, listed usually 3rd or 4th, last time 1st.

Court 16 Apr. 36 Eliz. Robert Hoxon fined 3d for default of suit of court. — Court 9 Apr. 38 Eliz. Robt. Hoxon essoined of the common suit. — Court 15 Oct. 42 Eliz. Robt. Hoxon chosen to the office of Constable. — Court 13 Mar. 1 Jas. I. First Court General of Dame Parnel Rous, widow, executrix of will of Thos. Rous, Knt. deceased, late lord of the Manor. Attornment of tenants. All tenants, free and bond, summoned, of whom Robert Hoxon and 9 others appeared, and each attorned to the lady. — Court 14 Oct. 7 Jas. I. Presented that Robert erected a cart-house on Sotherton common to the annoyance of the commoners. He is amerced 3d and ordered to take it down by 1 May on pain of 3s 4d. — Court 16 Oct. 10 Jas. I. Presentment that Robt. Hoxon has not cleaned the river against his lands. Fined 3d and if not done by the Annunciation 3s 4d. — His tenants have allowed branches to overhang the bryde way beare way from Sotherton Church to Sotherton Green. Fined 3d and if not done by above date 3s 4d. — Court 12 Oct. 11 Jas. I. The Cap. Pls. present that Robert Hoxon has allowed branches of his trees to overhang the highway from Sotherton to Southwold on either side of the way. Fined 3d and ordered to cut same before the feast of the Purification under pain of 3s 4d. — Court 16 Apr. 12 Jas. I. The inquest says that Robt. Hoxon farmer of the wood in the copyhold tenure of Richard Holbeck allowed his ditch between the said wood and the meadow of this manor called Goddell's Meadow to be landed up to the annoyance of the same meadow. Therefore he is in mercy fined 3d and ordered to clean it before the feast of St. Edmund next.

There are only two mentions of Robert⁵ in the Henham Rolls:

Court 8 Apr. 13 Jas. I. Robert Hoxon fined 3d for allowing thorns to grow upon "le Tunne Meare" in the lands called Hastings. — Court 28 Apr. 15 Jas. I. Robert Hoxon fined 3d for making a "rettinge pytt" upon the "le Towne Meare." "Le Towne Meare" so often mentioned is probably the path bounding Sotherton.

From the parish register of St. Andrew's Church, Sotherton, Suffolk, and the will of Robert⁵ Hoxton we have the issue of Robert⁵ and Prudence (Seaman) Hoxton as follows:

ROBERT⁶ bap. 3^d Feb. 1590/1.

John⁶ bap.; bur. 13th Apr. 1635, "Cum concione funebre" mentioned in will of Robert⁶ Hoxton.

Reynold⁶ bap. 20th Nov. 1597; d. (see below).

Katherine⁶ bap. 14th Aug., 1600.

Anne⁶ bap. 23^d June, 1602; not mentioned Robert's⁵ will. Probably dead.

Thomas⁶ bap. 10th Nov., 1605.

Susanna⁶ bap. 2nd Feb., 1607/8.

Owen⁶ bap. 2nd Aug., 1612.

That Robert⁵ Hoxton was the eldest son of Reynold,⁴ is proved not only by the land in Sotherton and Henham, which he leaves to his son, Robert,⁶ but by the mention of his brother, Reynold, and his cousin Thomas Leassey.

The exact order in which John⁶ should be placed among Robert's⁵ children is not certain, but, from the will it seems that John is the second son.

Robert⁵ Hoxton calls himself of Becklis (Beccles). Beccles is a village in Suffolk about seven miles north of Sotherton on the Waveney, which is the boundary between Suffolk and Norfolk.

It is probable that Robert⁵ and his wife found it not comfortable to live in the Sotherton house with his mother-in-law, as so much of the house had been assigned to her, and he went to Beccles, which was near enough for him to manage his estate. It is interesting to note that he has added to the holdings of his family by purchase of land in the parishes of Blythburgh and Walberswick.

Robert's⁵ elaborate provisions for the descent of of his land in the male line were made; no doubt, because when he made his will only one son, Robert,⁶ had a son.

Thomas⁶ and Owen⁶ were too young to have married, and John,⁶ as we see from the register of St. Andrew's Church, did not marry until March 1622, after his father's death, when he married Susan (Susanna) Girling, and had five daughters, Susanna, bap. 21st Dec., 1623, Priscilla, bap. 25th Sep. 1625, Judith, bap. 10th June 1629, Ursula, bap. 2nd Nov. 1631, and Grace, bap. 5th Oct. 1634.

As to Reynold⁶ Hoxton we have from the same register the following entries: Anne, the daughter of Renold Hoxon & his wife, was bap. 10th Aug. 1641. Prudence, the daughter of Renold Hoxon & Eliza. his wife, was bap. 29th Dec. 1642. Frances Hoxton, the daughter of Renold Hoxton was buried 20th May 1654. Robert Hoxton, the sonne of Ranold Hoxton was buried 20th Sep. 1654. Anne, the daughter of Ranold Hoxton was buried 24th May 1658. Elizabeth Hoxton daughter of Reynold & Eliz. his wife was buried 5th June 1658.

That this is Reynold,⁶ son of Robert⁵ and Prudence Hoxton, is strengthened by his naming a daughter, Prudence, and a son, Robert. He evidently married Elizabeth, probably in another parish and late in life.

Another entry is "Old Reignold Hoxon buried Feb. 28th, 1673/4." This cannot be Reynold,⁴ whose burial record we have not found, as he would be over 150 years old, nor can it be Reynold,⁵ who went to Southwold, and was buried 30th Nov. 1638. It must be Reynold,⁶ who would be in his 77th year.

Robert⁶ had a son William,⁷ bap. 26th Dec. 1617, who died young, and a son Walter,⁷ bap 3^d Dec. 1619, both before Robert⁵ made his will. Robert⁴ (John,² Robert³) had certainly more than one son, the eldest being Reynold, the others not named (see his will later), and it seems fairly certain that the

godsons, Robert Hoxton and Reighnold Hoxton, mentioned in Robert's⁵ will, are sons of Robert.⁴

Reighnold Lessey must be a son of Thomas Leassey.

With the next generation the scene changes, and, from the rural life of Suffolk, we move to London.

ROBERT⁶ HOXTON, OF SOTHERTON, COUNTY SUFFOLK AND OF LONDON

Robert⁶ Hoxton seems to have lived for a short time in Sotherton after his marriage in 1615 to Sara Limberne, as the baptism of his son William is registered there in 1617. In his marriage license, however, he is described as of Whitechapel. This was probably a temporary residence, necessary to secure a license. He then went to London to live, and all of his remaining six children were baptised at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney. This change of residence was probably due to his marriage to Sara Limberne (Limbrey), whose family were interested in shipping. He is designated "mariner" in his will, as are all the senior male representatives for the succeeding four generations. Notwithstanding his change of residence and occupation, the family retained their estates in Suffolk until after the death of Walter⁹ Hoxton *circa* 1719. Robert⁶ Hoxton married Sara Limberne 30th Mar. 1615, according to register of St. Dunstan's Church, but marriage license is dated 30th Apr, 1615, a discrepancy that I cannot explain. An abstract of his will follows:

Abstract of Will of Robert⁶ Hoxton of Limehouse, Co. Middx. Mariner; Dated 18 June, 1627. ——— Concerning my worldly goods I give unto my son, Walter Hoxton and to his heires males, all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, freehold and copyhold lying in Sutterton, Henham and Owgishall als Owshill co. Suffolk when he shall reach age of 21 years, provided that the said son Walter and heirs males shall pay to my daughter Rebecca Hoxton £150 when she is 21 years of age or when she marries which first shall happen, and to my daughter Sarah Hoxton £150 when she reaches age of 21 years or when she shall marry. ——— I give unto my son William Hoxton and his heirs forever when he reaches age of 21 years, all my lands tenements and hereditaments, freehold and copyhold lying in Blytheborough and Walberswick, or either of them, in said co. Suffolk. My said son Walter is to pay to my said son William £50 at age of 21 years. Should either of sons die then his lands to go to surviving son. ——— £50 to each of my daughters Rebecca and Sara. ——— Should both my sons die without issue then lands tenements etc. in Blytheborough Walberswick and Owgishall als Owshill to my daughters Rebecca and Sarah heirs equally. ——— My copyhold lands with appurtenances in Sutterton and Henham aforesaid to such of my brothers and heirs males surviving on condition that such shall pay £300 to my daughters or survivor of them. Should they fail in this then the said lands to go to

my daughters Rebecca and Sara equally. — My will is that Sara my wife shall receive the rents, revenues and profits of all my lands until same shall come to my children, for their education and to keep houses and premises in repair. — As to disposal of remainder of my household stuff, chattels etc. not bequeathed, same to be divided into three equal parts. One third to said Sara my wife other two thirds equally among my children. — I make my wife Sara my sole Executrix and my overseers I appoint my uncle Reynold Hoxton and my cousin William Raynesborough. — Witnesses: Thos. Abbott. Richard Williamson. — Will proved 24 Feb. 1631/2 by Executrix named (Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 21 Audley).

The following is an extract from the Sotherton Rolls.

Sotherton. Court General. Tu. 10 Apr. 8 Chas. I (1632). Recites surrender of Robert Hoxon of Lymehouse presented at Court 14 Oct. 22 Jas. I.

Now the homage present that said Robert Hoxon has died since the last Court (i.e. since 4 Oct. 7 Chas. I), whereupon there comes Sarah Hoxon widow relict of the said Robert Hoxon by Reginald Hoxon her attorney, and profers in Court the will of Robert Hoxon late her husband proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury and dated 18 June 1627 as will of Robert Hoxon of Limehouse, Co. Middlesex, mariner, bequeathing (inter alia) to son Walter Hoxon at 21 in tail male all lands freehold and copyhold in Sotherton, Henham & Oggishall (Uggeshall) subject to payment of profits to testators wife Sarah until the same fall to the children. — *Sarah is admitted to 14 ac. bond land in divers pieces in Sotherton viz: 5 pieces in Sotherton between Sotherton Meadows & the highway from Sotherton to Wangford & the remaining 3 pieces lying South of the said highway, 3 ac. meadow in Sotherton in 2 pieces next Brampton common on the South thereof. One close called "Great Ballfield Close" with a meadow adjacent to said close, the close containing 16 ac. between the common stream dividing Westhall & Sotherton North and the meadow of the same Robert South, lands late of Thos. Holbeck now of Robert Lillye called Little Ballfield W. the meadow late of said Robert and of the Prior of Wangford E., and the meadow containing 2 ac. between lands late of said Robt. Hoxon S. the said close called Great Ballfield Close N., lands of said Robt. H. West & the marsh late of the said Prior E., one piece land (3rd) abutting on highway from Sotherton Church to Southwold (N) and on lands late of said Robt. H. called Longclose S. All of which pieces were formerly of John Hoxon as appears in the year 28 Henry VIII. (John² Hoxton's will was proved in this year). And also one piece land (4 ac.) between a path called "le Towne Meare" dividing Henham and Sotherton S. and lands late of Robt. Hoxon N., the said path E., the common way from Henham Greene to Sotherton Bridge W., parcel of 14 ac. bond land formerly in tenure of Robt Trapnell, which the said Robt. Hoxon deceased took up to himself and his heirs at the Court General Thurs. Morrow of S. S. Ph. & Jas., viz: 2 May 20 Jas. I after the death of Robt. Hoxon his father as appears by the rolls of the said Court. And she is admitted by her attorney. She gave fine [blank]. Fealty respited.*

The additional land in schedule was added to the estate by Robert³ and Robert,⁵ except that in Uggeshall, added by Robert.⁶ As this schedule recites

only land in the Manor of Sotherton, it is not a complete schedule of the entire estate of Robert,⁶ as we know from his will that he held lands in Henham, Owgishall, Blytheborough and Walberswick. (See also will of Robert³ Hoxton.)

The above surrender was made by Robert⁶ since he was going on a voyage from which he might not return, as proved to be the case.

The above italicised portion, taken with the gift to John¹ Hoxon (above) proves that this land had descended from John¹ to John,² Robert,³ Robert⁵ and Robert⁶ and hence that not only was Robert³ son of John² but that John² was a son or grandson of John.¹

John² Hoxton's will, mentioning many religious bequests and his "god-children" seems to show that he was of advanced years, and the difficulty of fitting another generation between John¹ and John,² make it most probable that he was a son of John¹ Hoxton and Agnes, his wife, who was perhaps a daughter of John Spanke.

Issue of Robert⁶ and Sara (Limberne) Hoxton:

William⁷ bap. 26 Dec. 1617; must have died young as another child was named William, and Walter⁷ Hoxton was considered by his father to be his eldest son. (Register of St. Andrew's Church, Sotherton, Suffolk.)

WALTER,⁷ bap. 3rd. Dec. 1619 (7 days old).

Rebecca⁷ bap. 19th. July 1622; mar. Robert Hembricke at St. Faith The Virgin, 19th June 1645.

Sarah (Sara),⁷ bap. 27th Feb. 1624/5. She probably died young, as a younger daughter was given the name Sara.

William,⁷ bap. 15th. Apr. 1627 (8 days old).

Jonathan⁷ bap. 20th Dec. 1628 (6 days old). The will of his father, Robert⁶ Hoxton is dated prior to Jonathan's birth; and as he is not mentioned in will of his brother Walter⁷ Hoxton he was probably dead.

Sara,⁷ bap. 24th Mar. 1631/2 "daughter Robert Hoxton late of Limehouse and Sara his relict." Sara was evidently a posthumous child. She must be the Sara who, according to the will of Walter⁷ Hoxton, married Tunnicke.

(The dates of the baptisms of Walter, Rebecca, Sarah [Sara], William, Jonathan, and Sara are from the Register of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney.)

That Robert⁶ Hoxton was the eldest son of Robert⁵ is proved not only by the land left him by Robert,⁵ but by his reference to "my uncle Reynold Hoxton and my cousin William Raynesborough." This "uncle" must be Reynold⁵ Hoxton (John,² Robert,³ Reynold⁴); and the "cousin" must be the William Raynesborough who married Judith⁶ Hoxton, daughter of Reynold.⁵ This line will be taken up later. Robert⁶ Hoxton also refers to his "uncle Capt.

John Limbrey." Robert⁶ Hoxton died abroad as the following shows; though exact date of death is not given. "Hoxton, Robert, of Limehouse, par. of Stepney, Middx., Mariner, dec^d. abroad; Will [P.C.C. 21 Audley] pr. Feb. 24, 1631-2, by relict Sarah (Matthews and Matthews, '*Year Books of Probates (from 1630)*,' [Prerogative Court of Canterbury] (Vol. I, p. 156).

WALTER⁷ HOXTON, OF LIMEHOUSE, COUNTY MIDDLESEX

We come now to Walter⁷ Hoxton, the eldest surviving son of Robert⁶ Hoxton.

From the Sotherton Rolls we have the following: Court General, 1 May, 1650. Walter Hoxton (W⁷) amerced 3d because he owes suit of court and does not appear. — Court General, 19 Apr. 1653. The homage present that Walter Hoxton bond tenant of the manor is dead, that Walter Hoxton (W⁸) is his only son and next heir and of the age of 6 yrs or thereabouts. Whereupon came the said Walter by Reighnold Hoxon (R⁶) his uncle (great uncle) in that part his attorney and desired to be admitted to the copyholds whereof his father died seized. Schedule of lands given, the first being certain pieces "which were of John Hoxon as appears in 28 Henry VIII." Custody of his body and of his lands is committed to Rachell Hoxon widow until he is of full age. She to render account. — Court General with Leet, 12 Oct. 1670. The homage present a rate or proportion for the commons of Sotherton and Henham agreed by those who have the right of commoning and hereafter to be strictly observed. The list begins Humphrey Bohun for his lands — 5 beasts. Reginald Hoxon for the lands of Walter Hoxon — 7 beasts. (12 Commoners in all. Nothing for Reginald Hoxon in his own right. Henham, 10 commoners. No Hoxon). The rate is ratified by the Steward and orders made as to commoning.

THE WILL OF WALTER⁷ HOXTON of Limehouse, County Middlesex, Mariner, dated 25 June, 1652. Proved at Westminster 25 Jan. 1653. — Whereas upon intermarriage with my wife Rachell I have instated her for life by way of joynture in my lands to the value of 3 score pounds per annum. And whereas my aged mother Sarah Irons is estated for the term of her natural life in certain parcels of my lands upon intermarriage of her with my late father which after her decease do revert to me &c. — To my father in law Captain John Heaman and to my Ucle Captain John Limbrey the sum of £400 after the decease of my said mother upon condition that the survivor of them use it only to the use and benefit of such child or children as the said Rachell my wife now goeth and the remainder then at age 21 years or marriage. If the said children die then the £400 to my son Walter Hoxton and for default to my brother William Hoxton if no issue then to my sister Sarah Tunnicke or her issue £150 and to my sister Rebecca Hembricke or her issue £100. — After said sums have been paid my lands shall wholly descend to my brother William Hoxton and for default of issue to the right heir of me the said Walter Hoxton. — And as for and touching the estate of that I expect in the lands in Blithborough and Walber-

swick co. Suffolk after the decease of my brother William Hoxton, in case he die without issue then to the child as my wife goeth withal and for default of such child then to the issue of my said son Walter. — To my son Walter H. all my interest being $1/16$ part of the Ship "Anthony Bonadventure" of London. — Then my Will is that my personal estate be divided equally between my wife Rachell, my son Walter Hoxton and the other $1/3$ part to the child etc. which my wife goeth withall. — I appoint my said wife exix. — Witnesses: Chr. Townsende, not. pub., John Birt, Ja. Needler his servants.

That Walter⁷ Hoxton is the son of Robert⁶ is proved by his reference to the lands in Blythborough and Walberswick, which Robert⁶ left to his son, William⁷ with remainder to Walter,⁷ if William should die without issue. It is also proved by his reference to his "aged mother, Sara Irons" and his "uncle Capt. John Limbrey." That Walter⁷ married Rachell Heaman is proved by a suit, which I shall give later, and also by his reference to his father-in-law, Capt. John Heaman. The exact date of this marriage has not been found. Rachell Heaman, as we shall see, was one of three sisters who were wealthy. After the death of Walter⁷ his widow, Rachel, married Edward Witheredge, before 30th Nov., 1657, and had by him had a son, John Witheredge.

Issue of Walter⁷ and Rachel (Heaman) Hoxton:

Rachell,⁸ bap. 27th. Apr. 1646. Not mentioned in her father's will. She was probably dead at the time of its making.

WALTER,⁸ bap. 16th June 1649.

(The dates of these baptisms are from the Register of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney.)

Both the daughter Rachel⁸ and the posthumous child, if there was one, evidently died young, as Walter⁸ Hoxton was the sole heir by this marriage to the one half of the one third which was his mother's, Rachel (Heaman) Hoxton's share of the Heaman estate.

WALTER⁸ HOXTON, OF WAPPING, COUNTY MIDDLESEX

We take up now Walter⁸ Hoxton and give the following extracts from the Sotherton Rolls.

Court General with Leet, 15 Oct. 1673. The homage present that Walter Hoxne bond tenant of this manor has died since last session of court. No one comes. First proclamation for heir. — Court General with Leet, 10 Oct. 1674. Second proclamation for heir of Walter Hoxne. — Court General, 1 Jan. 1674. The homage present that Walter Hoxon (W⁹) is only son and heir of Walter Hoxon and is aged about 1 yr. Thereupon the said Walter by Richard Palgrave his attorney is admitted to all the lands of which his father died seized. First items in schedule of lands are those held by John² Hoxon in 28 Henry VIII (as above) and then other lands which Walter Hoxon (W⁸) held as only son and heir of his father Walter Hoxon (W⁷). Court 19 Apr. 1674. Guardianship of the lands and tenements and of his body committed to

his mother, Anne Hoxon, until he is 14 yrs. old. She to account. — Court Baron with Leet, 22 Apr. 1703. Walter Hoxton (W⁹) acknowledged he held freely certain lands called Hadsteads (8 ac.) by rent of 6s 8d, and paid 6s 8d relief and did fealty. It was testified at this court by John Rous lord of the manor, also found by the homage that since the last court, viz. on 10 Apr. 1703, the said Walter Hoxton bond tenant came, out of court, before the lord of the manor and in person and surrendered all his copyhold lands and tenements to the use of his will. Walter Hoxton, gent. sworn a Cap. Pl. (Note. He would not usually so serve).

The will of Walter⁸ Hoxton, a brief document, is as follows:

Will of Gualterus⁸ Hoxton of Wapping par. St. Mary Matsellon als White Chappell co. Middlesex, Mariner, dated 30 December 1671. I appoint my wife Anne Hoxton my lawful Attorney whilst I am abroad or at sea, to tend my interests in every direction. In case of death I bequeath the whole of my estate real and personal to my said wife Hannah Hoxton whom I make my sole executrix. Witnesses: Anna Wood, Elizabeth Wood, Jno. Marten. Proved 8th October 1673. Exor named (Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 125 Pye).

In margin of record of will of Walter⁸ Hoxton, above, appears this entry: 1752 Aug 27 adminⁿ of goods, chattels etc. left unadmin^d by Ann Hoxton deceased whilst living, granted to Anna Steevens wife of William Steevens the administratrix of goods of said Ann Hoxton who died intestate.

According to date of probate of this will, Walter⁸ Hoxton was less than 25 years old when he died. He married Anne Wood; license 7th September, 1670. He was of Limehouse, in the parish of Stepney, and she of the same parish. They were married at St. Mary's Church, White Chappell and were both about twenty-two years old. They had one son: WALTER⁹ bap. 8th Oct. 1673, 2 days old (Register of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney).

We note that this date is the same as that of probate of the will of Walter⁸ Hoxton, and hence that Walter⁹ is a posthumous child. This accounts for Walter's⁸ disposition of his property. There is nothing in Walter's⁸ will to show that he was the son of Walter,⁷ but this will be proved by the suit referred to above.

Anne (Wood) Hoxton married a second time; Vicar Gen. Allegations: "24 Feb., 1676/7, Stephen Paddison of Stepney, County Middx., Mariner, Bach. Abt. 26, Hannah Hockson of the same, Wid, abt. 28, alleged by Richard Clarke of Stepney afs^d. Waterman, at Parish Church of Stepney co. Middx." This was undoubtedly, Anna (Wood) Hoxton. Her age corresponds exactly with that given when she mar. Walter Hoxton. In suit referred to Stephen Paddison is called Simon Patison, which is probably his correct name.

WALTER⁹ HOXTON, OF POPLAR, COUNTY MIDDLESEX

The will of Walter⁹ Hoxton, also a brief document, is as follows:

Will of Walter⁹ Hoxton of Poplar, par. Stepney, Middlesex, Mariner, dated 8th October 1716; I give to my wife Sarah Hoxton all my real estate freehold & copyhold in several parishes of Seterton, Wangford, Uygghall & Henham in co. Suffolk and all my personal estate whatsoever, and on her decease or intermarriage all said real estate to be sold and money to my children when 21 years or on marriage. I make my said wife my sole Exec^{tr}. Witnesses: Elizabeth Kemp, Thos. Dunne, Jno Stokes. Proved 23^d July 1719. Exor named. (Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 128 Browning).

It will be seen that Walter⁹ Hoxton held lands in Sotherton, Wangford, Uggeshall and Henham, those in Wangford having been added to the family holdings. The Sotherton and Henham lands are undoubtedly those mentioned in the will of Robert³ Hoxton, which had remained in possession of the eldest sons for six generations. This proves that the line of descent Robert,⁶ Walter,⁷ Walter,⁸ and Walter⁹ is correct.

It will be noted that Walter⁹ Hoxton directs by his will that after the death or marriage of his wife, all his lands are to be sold and the proceeds therefrom divided among his children, the senior Hoxton line thus ceasing to be Suffolk County land owners, and having interests only in London and in shipping.

To confirm this line of descent, we now take up the suit heretofore mentioned. A suit was brought 2nd Feb., 1683, to effect the division of a considerable amount of house property in London which John Heaman of Limehouse, mariner, in his will, dated 30th Nov. 1657, had left to his wife, Sibel, during her lifetime with remainder to his son, Simon, also a mariner, "then out of England." In addition to his son Simon, he had three daughters, Rachel, Sibel and Mary. John Heaman provided in his will that after the death of his wife Sibel, and if his son, Simon, had not then returned to England, said property was to be divided equally between his three daughters, Rachel Witheredge, Sibel Nichols and Mary Harrison. Sibel and Mary both were alive at date of suit, Sibel's husband, Edward Nichols, then being dead. Sibel married later Hickman. Mary's husband, John Harrison, was alive at date of suit, but died later, and she married Thomas Hasteed of Limehouse. Quoting from record of suit, we have "Said John Heaman and Simon Heaman died long ago, and after the death of said Sibel Heaman, and before admission of said Sibel, said Rachel Witheredge died. John Witheredge of Limehouse, mariner, son of said Rachel, and Walter Hoxton, an infant of 10 years [Walter,⁹ see date of

birth], son of Walter Hoxton [Walter⁸] son of said Rachel by Walter Hoxton [Walter⁷] late her husband, deceased, are coheirs customary of said Rachel Witheredge. Now said John Witheredge, and said Walter Hoxton, infant, by Anne Patison, wife of Simon Patison of Limehouse, mariner, his mother and guardian, admitted to third part of six tenements and four cottages, now occupied, etc." (The interpolations in square brackets are made by the compiler in order to identify the persons mentioned).

This suit proves beyond question that Walter⁹ was son of Walter⁸; and that Walter⁸ was the son of Walter.⁷ From the Register of St. Dunston's Church, Stepney we have the record that a John Heaman mar. Sybil Willett, 10 Feb., 1619.

Walter⁹ Hoxton married Sarah Hyde; license 16 Feb. 1697/8. He was about 24 yrs. old, and she about 23. Sarah Hyde had a brother John Hyde who is called also her guardian. Walter Hoxton is designated as of Limehouse in the parish of Stepney, Factor and Batch. Sarah Hyde is designated as of Poplar in same parish. Walter⁹ and Sarah (Hyde) Hoxton had issue:

WALTER,¹⁰ bap. 2nd Feb. 1698/9.

HYDE,¹⁰ bap. 7th Feb. 1703/4. Emigrated to Maryland.

Sarah,¹⁰ married Capt. William Mudge.

Anna¹⁰ married Capt. William Stevens.

(The baptisms of Walter¹⁰ and Hyde¹⁰ are recorded in the Register of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney. The names of the daughters Sarah and Anna, and of their respective husbands, William Mudge and William Stevens, appear in wills and records of a General Court Baron given later in the article. The names of Walter¹⁰ and Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton are both given in heavier type as after the death of Walter¹⁰ without legitimate issue, Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton became the senior representative).

We shall give now extracts from Sotherton Rolls relating to the death of Walter⁹ Hoxton.

Court General with Leet, 12 May 1720. Whereas at court 22 Apr. 1703, it was testified that Walter Hoxton bond tenant had surrendered, out of court, all his lands and tenements holden of this manor to the use of his will and whereas it is presented at this court by the homage that he has died since the last court, now comes Sarah Hoxton widow by William Reynolds her attorney and exhibits a copy of his will dated 8 Oct. 1716, devising to his wife Sarah his real estate freehold and copyhold in the parishes of Sotherton, Wangford, Uggeshall and Henham and all his personal estate for life. She is admitted to all these lands [which included those belonging to John² Hoxton, 28 Henry VIII. The possession of these lands by Walter⁹ Hoxton proves again that the line of descent as given is correct]. By her attorney, she acknowledges that she holds freely the lands called Hadsteads by rent of 6s 8d and pay relief. Fealty respited. ——— Court General Baron of Sir John Rous, Bt., 12 May 1742. The homage present that Sarah Hoxton, copyhold tenant of this manor, or her tenants or assigns by her order hath felled one timber oak tree standing and growing upon the copyhold lands of said manor without the licence of the lord, whereby

the said lands and tenements of Sarah Hoxton became forfeited to the lord of the manor according to the ancient and known custom thereof. [Nothing more about this in succeeding courts up to 1753. It must have been adjusted].

WALTER¹⁰ HOXTON, OF POPLAR, COUNTY MIDDLESEX

The will of Walter¹⁰ Hoxton is of great importance, giving as it does, the proof that his brother, Hyde Hoxton, was the Hyde Hoxton who settled in Maryland and was the founder of the Maryland and Virginia line of this family.

The WILL OF WALTER HOXTON, of Poplar, County Middlesex Mariner, dated September 10, 1736, extracted from the Principal Registry of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, is as follows:

I Walter Hoxton of Poplar in the county of Middlesex mariner being in health and sound and perfect memory do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my mother Sarah Hoxton six hundred pounds to be paid her by my executors within six months after my decease

Item I give and bequeath to my brother Hyde Hoxton six hundred pounds to be paid him within six months after my decease by my executors

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah Mudge six hundred pounds to be paid her by my executors within six months after my decease

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Anna Hoxton six hundred pounds to be paid her within six months after my decease (by my Executors)

Item I give and bequeath to my naturall son John Hoxton born in Maryland of Katherine Reagan the summ of six hundred pounds to be paid him at the age of twenty one years he being now about three years of age

The rest and residue of my estate real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my mother brother sisters and my son above mentioned and in case my said son John should die before he attains to the age of twenty one years then the six hundred pounds bequeathed to him & also his part of the remainder of my estate afore mentioned shall be divided between my brother and sisters or the survivors of them and if either my mother brother or sisters or any of them should die before this my will takes place the above sums bequeathed to them together with their equall parts of the remainder of my estate shall go and be paid to the survivors of them in equall parts or to the survivor if but one

Item It is my will that my just debts & funerall charges be paid by my executors as soon as possible

Item It is my desire that my son John Hoxton may live with my mother or my sister Mudge or in case of their deaths with my brother Hyde Hoxton and in case of his death with my sister Anna Hoxton and my mother brother and sisters (or the survivor

of them) shall at their joynt charge provide for his board education & all necessary (Out of the above moneys to them bequeathed) untill he comes to the age of twenty-one years I mean that they should supply what may be wanting over and above the interest of the money bequeathed to him for I would have the said money put into some of the Publick funds at the discretion of my Exors till he is of age as aforesaid and I do hereby make constitute and appoint my mother Sarah Hoxton Mr. John Hyde and Mr. Saml Hyde (my cousins) of London, Merchants, and my bro^r in law Cap^t William Mudge of Limehouse to be EXECUTORS of this my last will and testament. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this 10th day of September 1736 — WALTER HOXTON (LS) Signed seal^d publisht & declared to be the last will & testament of Walter Hoxton in the presence of us WILLM MUDGE — CHRISTOPHER MIDDLETON — ANNA HOXTON.

MEMD^m I made a will some years since in Maryland w^{ch} I left wth my brother Hyde Hoxton which I declare now to be void & of no effect — W. Hoxton.

Item I also give to my executors full power and authority to settle adjust and compound all debts and accounts w^{ch} shall be unsettled at the time of my decease I also solemnly declare that I never was married to or promised to marry any woman whatsoever — WALTER HOXTON ——— Proved with two codicils 11th August 1741. Fos. 9. C.T.C.

Walter¹⁰ Hoxton was evidently well off, as he left £3,000 in specific legacies. In the "List of Apprentices" 1747, we have "John, son of Walter Hoxton, apprenticed to W^m Pinch of Rotherhithe, shipwright, £15." This is probably the John Hoxton mentioned in the above will. He would have been about 15 yrs. old.

We shall have much more to say about Walter¹⁰ Hoxton when we later take up the Maryland records, but now we shall give the will of his mother, Sarah (Hyde) Hoxton, and then notice briefly two junior branches of the family.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF SARAH HOXTON "of the Hamlet of Poplar in the parish of Stepney in the County of Middlesex Widow" dated September 27, 1741. Witnesses Anna Snelling, Jane Hyde, Althea Hyde. Proved with two codicils at London in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on October 23, 1746 by "oath of Anna Stevens, formerly Hoxton (wife of William Stevens)," who was granted power of administration, with power reserved of making like grant to Sarah Mudge, Widow, the other surviving executor upon her application. — To William Mudge, son-in-law, fifty pounds. — To William Mudge, grandson, twenty pounds. — To Walter Mudge, grandson, (No amount shown) — To Anna Hoxton, daughter, seventy pounds of money in hands of Testatrix' nephew Samuel Hyde, "I having . . . drawn seventy pounds out of the said Samuel Hydes hands to defray the charges of daughter Mudge's marriage." — To Anna Hoxton, daughter, one half of the remainder of money in hands of Samuel Hyde, and one half of all arrears of rent due to Testatrix. One half of three fourths of legacy from Testatrix' son Walter Hoxton, deceased. Watch and

best brass hearth with all chimney furniture belonging thereto, also one half of the residue of the personal estate. ——— To Sarah Mudge, daughter, one half of money remaining in hands of Samuel Hyde and one half of all arrears of rent due. One half of three fourths of legacy from Testatrix' son Walter Hoxton, deceased. Also one half of residue of the personal estate. ——— To Hyde Hoxton, son, one fourth of legacy from Testatrix' son Walter Hoxton, deceased, to go to Hyde's child or children in case he should die before the decease of Testatrix. ——— William Mudge, son-in-law, and Anna Hoxton and Sarah Mudge, daughters named Executors. ——— Codicil dated April 22, 1744 (witnessed by Anna Snelling and Jane Hyde) bequeaths twenty pounds to Anna Mudge, a granddaughter, born since the will was made. ——— A second codicil, dated July 4, 1745 (same witnesses), states that Captain William Mudge had recently died and his widow Sarah was in poor health, and provides that if the said Sarah Mudge should die before decease of the Testatrix, the sum of two hundred pounds should be divided equally among all the children of Sarah Mudge who attained the age of twenty one years, "the interest in the meantime to go toward their Maintenance and putting out"; also recommends the care of the children to Captain William Stevens and his wife Anna, unless their mother made other provisions for their care.

From the Sotherton Rolls we have the following:

General Court Baron 18 May 1747. The surrender of Walter Hoxton [W⁹] now long dead of his lands to the use of his will, 22 Apr. 1703, and the death of his widow Sarah Hoxton, who held for life under said will said lands, are announced. Now come Sarah Mudge, widow, and William Stevens and Anna his wife, daughters and coheirs of said Walter Hoxton by their attorneys Peter Pullyn, the younger, and John Granger, gentleman, appointed to crave and take admittance of all such copyhold or customary messuages lands and tenements which were late the estate of Walter Hoxton and Sarah his wife, deceased, and which on the decease of the said Sarah Hoxton descended to Sarah Mudge and Anna Stevens as their daughters and next heirs at law. Date of app. of attorneys, 31 Mar. 1747. Signed Sa: Mudge, Wm. Stevens, Anna Stevens. [The schedule of lands is given exactly as on earlier occasions, those belonging to John² Hoxne being given first]. Sarah Mudge and Anna Stevens are admitted tenants of said land. Fine one life £34, the other £17, total £51. Fealty respited. [Note. It seems singular that Hyde Hoxton is not represented in the matter as he was certainly alive. Could it be that a compromise was effected between him and his sisters, he taking all Maryland lands of his brother, Walter, resigning his interest in the Suffolk lands of his father?] ——— General Court Baron of Sir John Rous, Bt., 8 Jan. 1753. The Steward, Peter Pullyn, appoints Samuel Pallent and John Wilkinson his deputy stewards to take the surrenders of Sarah Mudge of Wainstead Co. Essex, widow, and William Stevens of Ipswich, gent. and Anna his wife of all their lands and tenements holden by copy of this manor to the use of Richard Smith of Sotherton timber-merchant his heirs and assigns, 13 Nov. 1752. Then came John Wilkinson and certified that on 21 Nov. last Wm. Stevens and Anna his wife out of court made this surrender, and that 27 Nov. last Sarah Mudge made similar surrender. Thereupon Richard

Smith came in person and is admitted to the premises (as described on 18 May 1747, in all 39 ac. 2 r.). Amt. fine not given. He surrenders same to use of his will. Richard Smith acknowledged that he held free of this manor lands called Hadsteads (8 ac.) by rent of 6s 8d and paid 6s 8d for a relief.

Other Hoxtons mentioned in Sotherton Rolls: Reginald⁶ Hoxton is a Cap. Pl. 1647 and 1652. — James Hoxton, Cap. Pl. 1665, 1683, 1690. From the Henham Rolls we have:

Court General 19 Jan. 1681. Whereas it was presented at Court 6 May 32 Chas. II that John Baker gentleman bond tenant had surrendered since the last court, viz. 25 Mar. 1680 to the use of James Hoxon of Sotherton gentleman a tenement called Mawses and 3 pightles land, (21 ac.) in Henham under condition that if Baker paid Hoxon on 25 March following in the dwelling house of Hoxon in Sotherton £74, 4s, the surrender should be void. Hoxon comes in person and affirms that no payment has been made. He is admitted to the above tenement and Land. [Note. This shows that the reign of Chas. II was reckoned from the death of Chas. I]. James Hoxon is mentioned also in 1684.

ROBERT⁴ HOXTON, THE YOUNGER THE FIRST JUNIOR BRANCH

The first junior branch that we shall notice is that of Robert⁴ Hoxton (John,² Robert³), son of Robert³ by his second marriage, and known as "Robert the Younger," and so designated by himself in his will.

WILL OF ROBERT⁴ HOXTON THE YOUNGER of Sotherton, County Suffolk. Probated May 1612. Ipswich Probate Office, Book 45, Folio 22.

In Deino mine Amen. the Twentieth daye of Aprill in the Tenth yeare of the raigne of o^r most gracious Soveraigne Kyng James of England, France & Ireland and of Scotland the fyve and fourtieth A^o. Dni one Thowsand six hundred and twelve. I Robert Hoxton the younger of Sotherton in the Cowntie of Suff. and within the dioceis of Norw^{ch} doe therein ordayne, disclose, and make mention of my last will, and Testament in mann^r and forme following viz ffirst I bequeath and betake my sowle into the hands of the almighty God. And my body to be buried in such place of the earth as it shall please him to appoynt for me. Item I give and bequeathe unto Ellen my wief all my moveable goods towards the payment of my debts and the bringing upp of my children. Item I give also unto her all my Lands, Tenements, meadowes, pastures and feadings during her naturall lief, And after her decease I will that all my saide Lands shall be divided to the advauntesment of my Children in mann^r and forme following viz. Item to my Sonnes equall portions, And to my daughters each of them half soe much. Item my will and meaning is that my eldest Sonne Reignold his part shall be fyve pounds more then the rest of his bretheren. And of this my last will and Testament I doe ordeyne, appoynt and constitute Ellen my welbeloved wief my sole Executrix. And for the sale of my Lands my Will and meaning is that it shall

be sould wthin one yeare after the decease of Ellen my saide wief by Robert Hoxton my brother in Lawe my Cozen Thomas Lessye, Will^m Spalding, and James Spalding my brothers in Lawe or by so many of them as shall be then livying whome I fully authorize by this my Last will and Testament to sell the same, And the money thereof growing to be disposed by them, or soe many of them that shall make sale of my saide Lands according to my will before mentioned

In witness hereof I have setto my hand, and Seale By me Robert Hoxton. His testibus Bernard Phillipp, Reginaldo Lessey et W. Feltham

As this will is dated 20 April, 1612, and probated 20th May, 1612, it was evidently made on his death bed, as he was buried 24th April, 1612. He married Ellen (Helena); this marriage being recorded in some parish other than Sotherton. They had two children, whose baptisms are recorded at Sotherton, Joane, 25th Sep., 1608, and Helena, 5 Nov., 1610. His direction that, within one year after the death of his wife, his lands are to be sold under the direction of "Robert Hoxton, my brother-in-law, my cousin Thomas Lesseye, William Spalding and James Spalding, my brothers-in law," makes it probable that his wife was Ellen Spalding. It also confirms fully that Prudence Seaman, daughter of Katherine (Seaman) Hoxton was the wife of Robert⁵ Hoxton. As Robert⁴ speaks of "sons" in his will, and a son Reignold in particular, and as neither his marriage, nor the baptisms of any of his sons, are recorded at Sotherton, it seems that he was married and lived in some other parish, not coming to Sotherton until a few years before his death. This move to Sotherton may have been caused by the ill health of his mother who died and was buried there 30th Aug., 1605. It also shows that, as has been said, Robert and Reignold Hoxton, god-sons of Robert,⁵ were probably sons of Robert.⁴ After the death of Robert,⁴ his widow married Henry Ede, 23^d Oct., 1615, who was buried 24th Dec., 1619. (Dates from Register of St. Andrew's Church, Sotherton, Suffolk).

From the Sotherton Rolls we have the following:

Court 9 Oct. 2 Jas. I Robert⁵ Hoxton proferred in Court a sealed deed, date 22 Sep. 1598, and signed by Robert⁴ Hoxon, the Younger, showing that Robert⁴ had received at that date in the parish church of Sotherton from Robert,⁵ executor of Robert³'s will, the £100 bequeathed him. Robert⁴ comes and acknowledges before the whole homage that he has received from Robert⁵ the sum of £100, and that the above was his deed. Robert⁵ prayed the deed be enrolled in the rolls of the Court. — Court 13 Apr. 9 Jas. I Wm Spalding surrenders a tenement called Osbornes in Sotherton with a pightle (7 ac.) and 12 ac. wood called Tunmaushedge to the use of Robert Hoxon the Younger. — Robert⁴ was a Cap. Pl. 18 Oct. 1609, and 14 Oct. 1610. both times 5th of 12. — Court 10 Oct. 10 Jas. I. It is presented that Robert Hoxon, the

Younger, has died since the last Court (i.e. since 13 Apr. 9 Jas. I), and before his death surrendered into the lord's hand all his bond land and tenements. His widow Helen Hoxon profers his will proved at Yoxford before the Commissary of Suffolk, and is admitted to the tenement and lands given above. Fine 6s 8d.

TAXES PAID BY VARIOUS HOXTONS (HOXNES, HOXONS)

In the Suffolk Subsidy Return, 1327, there are seven de Hoxnes, Gilbert at Beccles, two Henries at Dunwich, John at Hoxne, John at Westleton, John at Ipswich, and Alice at Little Ashfield in Blackborne.

In Suffolk Subsidy Return, 1524, Sotherton, Hundred of Blything, there is John Hoxon in goods £10, to pay 5s, in Helmingham another John Hoxon with eight others "everiche of them in movablis" each assessed £3, and they together pay 13s, 6d.

In Suffolk Subsidy Return, 1568, there is Robert Hoxton £18 in goods, to pay 15s, and Reginold Hoxton 30s in lands, to pay 2s.

(Note: Robert Hoxton's assessment was by far the largest in the village).

In the Suffolk Ship-money Returns, 1639-40, there are no Hoxtons, possibly because there is no return for Sotherton although there is one for Henham.

Suffolk Hearth Tax 1674, Sotherton, Blything Hundred, Mr. Hoxton 5.

Stanton in Blackborne, Robert Hoxton 2.

Wenhaston in Blything, William Hoaxen 3.

Dering, Ann Hoxton 2.

REYNOLD⁵ HOXTON, A SECOND JUNIOR BRANCH

We shall now take up briefly an interesting junior line, that of Reynold⁵ Hoxton (Reynold,⁴ Robert,³ John²).

Reynold⁵ Hoxton was bap. 6th Aug. 1560 (Reg. St. Andrew's Church, Sotherton, Suffolk); bur. 30th Nov. 1638 (Reg. St. Edmunds Church, Southwold, Suffolk). Reynold⁵ Hoxton married in 1595 Joane Seaman of Harwich, Essex. (Boyd's Marriage Index). He left a will which must have been proved both in London and Suffolk, as he had property in both places, but it cannot be found in either the P.C.C. or at Ipswich. We have the two following records, the first from Mathews and Mathews *Canterbury Year Book of Probates* (from 1630), Vol. II, p. 332 "Hoxton, Reginald of Southwold. Admon. W. Will (58 Harvey) April 15th to relict Jane, Richard Holbrough renouncing." The second "P.C.C. Abst. Admon, Reginald Hoxton of Southwold, Co. Suffolk. Admon. granted 1638/9, Feb. 1 to John Hoxton, son of Reginald Hoxton of Southwold, Co. Suffolk, defunct, Joanna Hoxton the relict renouncing." There are similar records at Ipswich.

His brother Robert⁵ Hoxton had confidence in him as evidenced by his appointment as administrator of Robert's⁵ estate during the minority of Robert's⁵ eldest male heir in the event that Robert⁵ should die before this heir became of age. This exigency did not however occur, as Robert⁶ was alive and 31 years old when Robert⁵ died.

Reynold⁵ Hoxton went to Southwold to live and seems to have prospered there and gained a position of some importance. He was a "bailiffe" of Southwold in 1613, 1618, 1622, 1626 and 1634. (Register of St. Edmund's Church, Southwold). The bailiffes were the civil heads of the community. In a deed dated 3 July, 1638, Reynold⁵ of Southwold, once of Wapping, is called "Mariner."

Reynold⁵ and Joane (Seaman) Hoxton had two children, John and Judith, but the dates of their birth cannot be found, as the parish registers before 1600 of both Roydon, the parent parish, and Southwold are missing: We have, however, from St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, that Judith Hoxton married William Raynberry (Rainsborough) 23d. Jan., 1614. As Reynold Hoxton married Joane Seaman in 1595, it seems that their children John and Judith were born 1596-1600.

The marriage of Judith⁶ Hoxton to William Rainsborough must have had much influence upon the fortunes of Reynold⁵ and his children. For a long account of the Rainsborough family see Waters *Genealogical Gleanings in England* (cited later as "Waters") in which there are several references to this branch of the Hoxtons. The Rainsborough family had large shipping interests, and the above William was a member of the fourth parliament of Charles I, "The Short Parliament," 13th. Apr. to 5th. May, 1640, for Aldeborough, a seaport in Suffolk. The will of William Rainsborough, Esq., of London, dated 16th. July, 1638. Codicil 1st. Feb. 1642, proved 8th. Apr., 1642 mentions his father-in-law, Reynold Hoxton, mother-in-law, Joane Hoxton, brother-in-law, Mr. John Hoxton. He mentions sons, Thomas, William, Edward, daughters Margaret (Martha), Judith and Joane. [Martha mar. 1st. Thomas Coytmore, issue; 2nd. John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts, his fourth wife, no issue; 3rd. John Coggan of Boston, issue]; Witnesses to will were John Hoxton, Thomas Hoxton and Mary Benefice. [This Thomas Hoxton is probably Thomas,⁶ son of Robert⁵ and cousin of John⁶]. Joane (Hoxton) Rainsborough was buried 3rd. March, 1637, and her husband was buried in St. Katherine's by the Tower 17th. Feb. 1642.

John⁶ Hoxton (Reynold⁵) was born 1596-1600 and was buried 13th. Sep., 1670. He married first Martha Bourne, daughter of John and Mary Bourne,

and second Lettice These marriages are proved by the following wills: — John Bourne's will is dated 3rd. Aug. 1624, Codicils 6th. Aug., 1624 and 12th June 1625; proved 22nd. June 1625; wife Mary Executrix. He mentions sons Nehemiah and John, daughters Martha, Mary and Ruth. He leaves to Martha, among other things, the lease of the "Cock and Bull." — After the death of John Bourne, his widow Martha married Whare. The will of Martha Whare dated 6th. Aug. 1630, proved 24th. Sep. 1630, mentions son-in-law, John Hoxton; daughter Martha, wife of John Hoxton; Mary Bourne and Ruth Bourne; sons Nehemiah and John. She leaves 20 pounds to Mary and Ruth at age of 21, or when married. Residue of estate divided equally between the five children. For these wills see *Waters*. They prove that John Hoxton married Martha Bourne between 3rd. Aug. 1624 and 6th. Aug. 1630.

John Hoxton in his will dated 20th. July, 1670, proved 10th. December, 1670 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Fos. 16, A.McM, 176-Penn) mentions his wife Lettice Hoxton to whom, among other things, he leaves for her life the lease of the "Cock and Bull." This lease of the "Cock and Bull" descending from John Bourne to his daughter, Martha, from her to her husband John Hoxton and from him to his second wife, Lettice, is conclusive evidence as to the marriages of John Hoxton. John Hoxton mentions in his will his grandchild, Martha Hasted, wife of Thomas Hasted of Ratcliffe, Mariner. This Martha seems to be his only descendant by his first marriage. By his second marriage he had no children.

Lettice Hoxton in her will dated 25th. Jan. 1682, proved 4th. Feb. 1682 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury 20 Drax) leaves to her granddaughter [step granddaughter] Martha Hasted, her diamond ring with five diamonds in it, also a seal ring which was her husband's. To Martha Hasted, daughter of Martha, she leaves a silver pot which has her husband's arms on it. To each of the sons of Martha, Thomas and Richard, she leaves silverware.

In the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XV, p. 179, is given the will of Anne Cheny of Parish of St. Katherine Cree, London, dated 28th. May 1663, in which she leaves "to my couzen, Mrs. Lettice Hoxton, my silver plate trencher."

In the British Museum under Suffolk Pedigrees, etc., Additional, MSS 5524, p. 46, is given a "pedigree" of John Hoxton, and his arms. It is very short and incorrect and so full of errors that it is interesting only as a curious display of ignorance on the part of the person who wrote it. Any one interested can obtain a photostat from the British Museum. The date of this

record is not given, but seems to be before 1650. The sketch of the arms is very crude but in *Memorials of Stepney Parish, 1579-1622* John Hoxton is mentioned several times, first as John Hoxton and later as John Hoxton, Esq., and his arms are given "Azure, a chev. erm. between three leopard's faces pr.; Crest, an unicorn couchant, gules and azure." He is mentioned as "Churchwarden for the Hamblett of Ratcliffe," and later as a Justice of the Peace and a member of the "Independent Congregation" meeting in Stepney. The pedigree in the British Museum MS is given with the erroneous statement, taken from the pedigree, that John Hoxton had two children, John and Judith, by his first wife. In the London Society of Genealogists there is in a bundle of papers, 143, a record of a suit about land in Bury St. which refers to the Manor of Edelmeton, alias Edmonton, the following being given — "The Court Baron of John Hoxton, Esqre., Lord of the said Manor there holden on Tuesday the seven and twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord 1659, before William Zouch, gent, Steward there." It seems that John Hoxton grants a lease of the Manor to Richard Farmer, gent, and Elizabeth his wife. John Hoxton held another Court Baron, as Lord of The Manor, 14th. Jan. 1658, and another 20th. May 1659. In 1928, having seen the British Museum MS, but not having seen John Hoxton's will, which shows that he had no male descendants, I wrote to The College of Arms, asking who were the living bearers of these arms. The Hon. George Bellew, Somerset Herald of Arms, responded that no Hoxton arms were registered in The College of Arms. It would be interesting to know how and when John Hoxton acquired arms. He did not inherit them; see wills of Robert³ Hoxton and Robert⁵ Hoxton, who describe themselves as "Yeomen." He is called Mr. John Hoxton in will of William Rainsborough, and in the earlier entries in the *Memorials of Stepney Parish*, but in later entries, John Hoxton, Esq. It might be that his acquisition of the Manor of Edmonton had some connection with the acquisition of arms.

THE HOXTONS OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

THE first mention of a Hoxton in Maryland is found in Ann Arundel County Deed Book WT. No. 2 1702-08, fol. 666 — "Walter Hoxton freight recorded at his request as follows, viz: These are to certify whom it may concern that Walter Hoxton Commander of the ship *Rame* (?) now riding in Severn River takes Tobacco at 16^{shs} per Tonn. Given under my hand this fourth day of Nov. 1708." This is Walter⁹ Hoxton, son of Walter⁸ and Ann (Wood) Hoxton. (See *ante* page 136.)

The next mention of any Hoxton, so far found, is in the *Archives of Maryland* Vol. XXV, p. 329. It is of Walter⁹ Hoxton also. A letter left in a book by a Father Killuch, a Catholic Priest, was submitted to the Council 13 Feb. 1715/6. It was written by a Jesuit Priest, Peter Attwood, and seemed to relate to an organized conspiracy against the Government of the Colony, and is dated 21st Dec. 1712. There is a long and interesting account of the nature of the letter and the action taken by the Council, but there is only space to give the mention of Capt. Hoxton, who is obviously Walter⁹ Hoxton. "On Sunday Capt. Hoxton came hither, and gave us the following Account, but first it may be worth while to advise You, he is totally in the Low Church Interest, and somewhat ignorant in Foreign Affairs. He sat Sail from Portsmouth the last of October and entered the Capes Yesterday was Sevenight, being the thirteenth Inst: He lay beating about the Capes 3 Weeks, so that had he found a favourable Wind here, his Passage had been of nineteen days only, altho he went to the Southward his Ship is new, & a delicate Sayler, they made 450 Leagues in one Week, and often 250 miles in one day, and many more are the Wonders he tells of Her, her name is the Antelope Pink, and this is her first Voyage."

WALTER¹⁰ HOXTON, SON OF WALTER⁹ AND SARAH (HYDE) HOXTON

As Walter⁹ Hoxton died prior to 23d July, 1719, all mention of a Capt. Hoxton in the records after this date must refer to his son Walter¹⁰ Hoxton. Undoubtedly, however, Walter¹⁰ Hoxton must have made many voyages in junior positions before obtaining a command. They were probably with his father, later with other commanders of the Hyde ships. Thus he had visited Maryland several times before 28th June 1725, when he is mentioned as commanding a ship on which Dr. Charles Carroll is shipping tobacco to Capt. John Hyde & Co. of London. Likewise on 3d. June, 1727, and 19th June, 1729, the last being in command of the *Tristan*.

Capt. William Mudge, Walter¹⁰ Hoxton's brother-in-law, is also mentioned several times. (See "Account and Letter Books" of Dr. Charles Carroll, *Maryland Historical Magazine*, Vol. XVIII, pp. 213, 225, 330). There are also records of voyages made by him in 1732, 1733 and 1735.

On 1st. Oct., 1692, "Capt. John Hyde, master of the ship *Eliza & Catherine*, paid port dues of £78/13/4, of which the Kings part was £33/10 and Lord Baltimore's part £45/3/4." *Archives of Maryland*, Vol. VIII, p. 371. This must have been Walter⁹ Hoxton's future brother-in-law.

There are many announcements by masters of vessels of voyages that they will make and freight charges; an especially interesting one by Walter¹⁰ Hoxton is the following. Anne Arundel County, Deed Book 2, 1733-1737, fol. 63 and 67: "Anne Arundel County. These are to give notice to all persons whom it may concern that I Walter Hoxton Commander of the Ship Baltimore now riding at anchor in Herring Bay in the County afs^d being purposed to export Tobacco from Maryland to the Port of London in Great Britain of ffreight this present voyage Doe hereby publish the rate thereof at Seven Pounds Sterling per Tonn (Provided a Warr is not Proclaimed in England before the Departure of the said ship out of this province) the ffreighters consigning their Tobacco to Mr. Samuel Hide, Merchant in London. The said ship usually carries about nine hundred Hogsheads of Tobacco. But in Case of a Warr the said Walter Hoxton will take no more than seven hundred that she may be in a Sailing Trim She is already well fitted for defence and manned with thirty five men, which shall be augmented to fifty if to be procured in Maryland or Pennsylvania and in which Case the ffreight to be Twelve Pounds Sterling. As witness my hand this 15th. day of May, 1734. Walter Hoxton." Practically the same notice appeared 21st May, 1734.

Another interesting thing is how Walter¹⁰ Hoxton came into possession of "St. Elizabeth," a plantation of 600 acres on the Eastern Branch of the Potomac in Prince George's County. Notley Rozer, a man of property but heavily in debt, largely to John Hyde & Co., who held mortgages on several portions of his estate, set up a lottery to raise £2000 to clear up these debts, and leave the remainder of his property unencumbered for his wife and children. Notley Rozer, in a codicil, dated 6th Apr., 1727, to his will of same date, says that the sale of tickets for this lottery is nearly complete, but fearing that he may die, leaving no one to convey title to the prizes won by the "Adventurers" (ticket holders), he appoints Thomas Addison and Charles Digges to do this, and also to pay the proceeds of the lottery to John Hyde & Co. (Hall of Records, Annapolis; Wills, Liber 19, fol. 224-227). The prizes were parcels of land, negroes and other property, the first prize being "St. Elizabeth," which was won by Walter¹⁰ Hoxton, to whom it was conveyed by Charles Digges, 10th. Apr., 1728. (See Prince George's Co. Deeds, Liber M, fol. 271-273, for deed and token payments of Walter Hoxton to Elizabeth Rozer, wife of Notley Rozer; and John Hyde & Co., each £10, for full release of any liens on the property). This plantation passed to his brother Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton, then to his son Walter¹¹ Hoxton and

then to Walter's son Stanislaus¹² Hoxton. In addition to "St. Elizabeth," Walter¹⁰ Hoxton held "Bachelor's Retreat," 100 acres in Anne Arundel County, which he patented in 1725. (Land Office, Annapolis; Liber IL, fol. 524, and PL, fol. 794).

Walter¹⁰ Hoxton made in 1733 a very fine chart of Chesapeake Bay, the original being in the British Museum and copies in the Pratt Library, Baltimore, and the Library of Congress. In a note he states that there is a current in the ocean running northward near the coast, which carries ships out of their course. This current is evidently the Gulf Stream. Walter¹⁰ Hoxton was, in the opinion of Commander M. V. Brewington, U.S.N., Curator of the Naval Historical Foundation, "one of the outstanding masters in the London-Chesapeake Trade of the early 18th. century, and had few equals and no superiors." Mr. Brewington is working on a maritime history of Chesapeake Bay. As not only Walter¹⁰ Hoxton but his father Walter⁹ Hoxton and several relations played an important part in this trade, Mr. Brewington's work will be of interest to all of Hoxton descent. Walter¹⁰ Hoxton having never married, his brother, Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton became the senior representative of the Hoxton family.

HYDE¹⁰ HOXTON, SON OF WALTER⁹ AND SARAH (HYDE) HOXTON

The earliest record found of Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton in Maryland is in a letter of Dr. Charles Carroll, 17th. Aug., 1728, where he asks Mr. Hoxton, who is about to go to England, to carry a letter to John Hyde & Co., and also to bring him several books. Dr. Carroll says "I heartily wish you a Good Voyage and Safe Return, and with kind respects" (*Maryland Historical Magazine*, Vol. XVIII, p. 233). Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton was then in his 25th year and it is probable that he had been in Maryland for some time. He may have come originally as Agent for John Hyde & Co.

Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton married Susanna (Brooke) Smith, daughter of Clement and Jane (Sewall) Brooke, and widow of Walter Smith of Hall's Craft, Calvert County. (*Maryland Historical Magazine*, Vol. I, p. 187 and Vol. III, p. 72, where it is said that Susanna Brooke married Walter Smith about 1714). Walter Smith's will is dated 22nd. Mar. 1731/2, probated 13th. Mar. 1733/4, his widow being made executrix. She filed an account 13th. July, 1735, signing as Susanna Smith and an additional account was filed 24th. Nov. 1738, signed by Hyde Hoxton and his wife Susanna. The date of marriage is more closely fixed by the fact that Hyde Hoxton gave a deed 7th. Apr., 1737, his wife Susanna subscribing to it 1st. July, 1737.

Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton patented "Friends Adventure," Baltimore Co., 100 acres, on 12th. Apr. 1731 (Land Office, Annapolis; Liber L.9. B., fol. 106). He bought or sold several tracts of land, the following being some of them: Richard Harrison of Ann Arundel County conveyed to Hyde Hoxton of Prince George's County, 12th. June, 1746, for £300, part of Birkheads Lott, 96½ acres on Lyons Creek; Harrison's Pasture and part of Harrisham, together 264½ acres (Ann Arundel County Deed Book R.B. No. 2, fol. 317). Harrison Lane of Ann Arundel County conveyed to Hyde Hoxton of same county, 12th. Nov., 1747, for £185 the place where said Lane lives, called Burketts Lott, with all buildings, 3 negroes, 20 head of black cattle, and 20 head of hogs (*Ibid.* fol. 526). Hyde Hoxton of Ann Arundel County conveyed to Edward Norwood of Baltimore County for £200 "United Friendship," 350 acres in Baltimore County 14th. May, 1750.

There is a record of Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton shipping 15 hogsheads of tobacco, 29th. July, 1741. Prince George's County Land Records, Liber Y, fol. 441-442.

The following abstract from *Archives of Maryland*, Vol. L, p. 205, is interesting as it concerns both Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton and his son, Walter,¹¹ and is one of the very few mentions of them except in business matters. On 29th. October, 1753, the Lower House of the Assembly met and received a report from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice on the Growth of Popery within the Province, to which were annexed several Examinations and Depositions, among which was the following, dated 27th. October, 1753: "That Clement Smith, Son of Mr. Walter Smith, deceased, told me that Walter Hoxton, the son of Hyde Hoxton, deceased, a Protestant, who intermarried with the mother of said Clement Smith, was sent to St. Omer's to be there educated, and is there, as I am informed, at this Time; for that the said Clement told me lately, since Death of said Hoxton, that his mother would endeavor to prevail on him, the said Walter Hoxton, to remain longer at St. Omer's; and, I am told, that in the last sickness of said Hyde Hoxton, Mr. Lake, the Incumbent of the Parish he lived in, constantly attended him, and that he died in the Communion of the Church of England, and was buried at the Parish Church aforesaid by the said Lake. (Signed) Edward Gantt." Edward Gantt was at this time a member of the Lower House of the Assembly from Calvert County.

Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton was born 12th. January, 1703/4, and died in 1753. See above deposition and date of probate of will, which follows.

WILL OF HYDE¹⁰ HOXTON of Prince George's County, Maryland, dated 27th February, 1741 and proved in Ann Arundell County, Maryland, 2nd April, 1754. (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Original Wills H No. 121).

I Hyde Hoxton of Prince Georges County in the Province of Maryland being in Perfect Mind & Memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life doe make this my last Will & testament in Manner & form following Viz

Imprimis I give unto my son Walter Hoxton all the Lands that I possess in Maryland or any other Place whatsoever to him & his heirs forever.

Item 2. I give unto my son Walter Hoxton the exact half of my Moveables or Personall Estate, the other half to his Mother as I shall after mention.

Item 3. I give unto my Dear Wife Susanna Hoxton the other half of my Moveables or Personall Estate; & in case of my Son Walter Hoxton's Death before he attain to the age of twenty one Itt is my Will & desire that my whole Estate both real & Personall become my Wife's, & I doe hereby give my whole Estate as above mention'd unto my said Wife in case of my Sons Death; my Land to her & her Heirs forever.

Item 4. Itt is my Will that my Son Walter Hoxton shall not be of age to receive any part of my Estate till he attain to the age of twenty one, I doe hereby constitute & appoint my Dear Wife Susanna Hoxton & my Fr^d Rich^d Harrison Executors of this my last will & testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal this twenty seventh Day of Feb^y Anno Domini 1741.

Sign'd, Seal'd, & deliv'd in the Presence
of us ———

HYDE HOXTON (SEAL)

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This will was proved in Ann Arundell County, Maryland, 2nd April 1754 by the testimony of Samuel Robertson "(being one of the People called Quakers)" and Benjamin Harrison, two of the subscribing witnesses. At the same time Richard Harrison appeared and "gave up and renounced the said Executorship and refused to take upon himself the Burthen of the Execution of the said Testament." Inventory of Hyde Hoxton's personal property shows total of £1052:9s.8d. (Ann Arundel Co. LX, fol. 183).

Hyde¹⁰ and Susanna (Brooke) Smith-Hoxton had one child, a son WALTER,¹¹ who married twice, his *first* wife being said to have been Anne Craycroft, but no proof of this has been obtained. However, we do have an important fact. In the Land Office Rent Rolls an entry shows that Clement Craycroft's heirs in 1753 paid rent on "Joseph & Mary" and "Brooke Court Manor," while in 1760 Walter Hoxton paid this rent. As these plantations were later in possession of Walter Hyde¹² Hoxton, as shown by his will, his

father evidently paid the rent on behalf of his infant son, or perhaps of his wife. This shows that the property came to Walter Hyde¹² Hoxton through the Craycrofts.

Unfortunately, no will, administration account or distribution for Clement Craycroft can be found in the Hall of Records, Annapolis. The only record there of his estate is the inventory of his personal property, total value being £1218/3/7½. It is dated 13th. September, 1743. His wife, Elizabeth Craycroft, was executrix. She was a sister of Anne Maria Parnham.

By this *first* marriage (presumably to Anne Craycroft) Walter¹¹ had two sons, WALTER HYDE¹² and John¹² Hoxton. The date of birth of Walter¹¹ Hoxton, the date of this marriage, and the dates of the births of these sons, are unknown. As Susanna Hoxton was a Catholic, and the records of Catholic Parishes are unobtainable, we are forced to make merely an estimate, the only certain date to be had being 23d. January, 1778, when Walter Hyde¹² Hoxton signed in Prince George's County the "Oath of Fidelity and Support." Assuming that the said Walter Hyde¹² Hoxton was 21 years old when he signed the "Oath," he must have been born not later than 23d. January, 1757, and hence the marriage of his father, Walter¹¹ Hoxton and mother (Anne Craycroft), must have taken place not later than early in 1756. As Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton did not marry Mrs. Susanna (Brooke) Smith until after 13th. July, 1735, we are forced to conclude that Walter¹¹ Hoxton married before he was 21 years old. This is not impossible as his mother seems to have approved of the marriage.

Walter¹¹ Hoxton was sent for his education to St. Omer's, a Jesuit College in France, to which many of the upper class Catholic families of Maryland sent their sons. At the same time Charles Carroll, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Brooke) Carroll, known later as the "Signer," was sent to St. Omer's. Elizabeth (Brooke) Carroll was a sister of Susanna (Brooke) Smith-Hoxton. Hence Walter¹¹ Hoxton and Charles Carroll were first cousins.

The following items throw light upon Walter¹¹ Hoxton. They are from the Carroll Papers, *Maryland Historical Magazine*, Vol. X, pp. 145, 148. In a letter March, 1750 from Charles Carroll to his father from St. Omer's, he says "Cousin Watty Hoxton & Jacky Carroll give their services to you, they are very well and mightely beloved in the house." Also in a letter to Charles Carroll, 8th. September, 1756, from his mother, she says that she is well and looks no older, and says "I tell you this from the inquiry you made of Watty Hoxton about my looks. I saw your letter to him. I was mightly pleased with it. I am glad to find th' you & Watty Keep up a cor-

respondence, he is a good natured Youth a little rattling at present but I hope he will do very well as he do's not want good Sence, he has I am sure a great regard for you."

The date, 8th. September, 1756, of this letter, as no marriage is mentioned, interferes with the conclusion as to the date of marriage of Walter.¹¹ We have three possibilities to explain this discrepancy: the incorrectness of the assumption that Walter Hyde Hoxton was 21 when he signed the "Oath," and hence the marriage may have taken place later; the date of the letter may not be correct; or simply the marriage may have taken place, but Mrs. Carroll did not know it.

The will of Susanna (Brooke) Smith-Hoxton will now be given as it establishes the issue of Walter Hoxton's first marriage.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF SUSANNA [(BROOKE) SMITH] HOXTON OF ANN ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, dated June 23, 1767 and Proved October 23, 1767. Witnesses: Morgan Jones and Thomas Chaney (his mark). (Hall of Records, Annapolis; Wills Liber 36, Fol. 41.) — To Rachel Harrison, daughter, One hundred pounds Sterling out of her bond to the testatrix for two hundred pounds Sterling. House maid named Sal and all her children and future increase. Chaise and horse. Also one fourth of the residue of the estate arising from the sale of "Negroes and other Chattles." — To Walter Hoxton, grandson, Negro woman named Fanny and all her increase, also one eighth of residue of estate. — To Susanna Smith, granddaughter, Twenty pounds Sterling "to be paid out by her Father for her use at interest or in any other manner he may judge most for her benefit." — To Araminta Harrison, granddaughter, The furniture of the "room I lodge in" except the dressing table. — To Rachel Harrison, granddaughter, "The new dressing table in the room where I lodge." — To Clement Smith, son, One fourth of residue of the estate. — To Richard Smith, son, One fourth of residue of estate. — To Walter Harrison, grandson, The portion of the residue bequeathed to Richard Smith in event Richard died without heirs. — To John Hoxton, grandson, One eighth of residue of estate. — The testatrix provides that in the sale of her slaves her carpenter, Charles, "have liberty to choose his Master." — Clement Smith, son of testatrix, appointed sole Executor. — The inventory of personal property of Susanna Hoxton shows total of £442:14s2¾d. (Ann Arundel Co. C.I. fol. 107, Hall of Records, Annapolis).

It will be noted that Susanna Hoxton's will mentions Walter (i.e. Walter Hyde¹²) Hoxton and John as grandsons, evidently sons of Walter¹¹ Hoxton by his *first* wife, and *does not mention* their father. It seems that she must have disapproved strongly of Walter¹¹ Hoxton's *second* marriage.

The following are abstracts of the wills of Walter¹¹ Hoxton and his son, Walter Hyde¹² Hoxton, who survived him by only a few months.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF WALTER¹¹ HOXTON OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, dated February 18, 1783 and Proved April 26, 1784. Witnesses: John F. A. Priggs, Samuel Morton, Samuel Perrie Wailes. (Hall of Records. Prince George's Co. Wills, Box 14, Folder 61.)——To Susannah Hoxton, wife, Land bought of Benjamin Truman being part of tract called Blackwell, about 193½ acres, during her life, to go after her death to son, Walter Hyde Hoxton, his heirs and assigns forever. — Land at mouth of Easternbranch of Potomack River, called Saint Elizabeth, being about 600 acres, during her life, to go at her death to son, Stanislaus Hoxton if he survives the age of twenty one years, his heirs and assigns forever. If Stanislaus should die before reaching twenty one years of age, this land (Saint Elizabeth) to be sold and the proceeds divided equally among all daughters of the testator then living. — "Cooke wench" named Pegg and her son named Jack, also house maid named Charity. All household and kitchen furniture, plate, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, plantation utensils and "wheel carriages," during her life, to enable her to support and maintain "the Children I have by her," and leaving to her discretion the giving of any part of the stock and furniture to such of the children as shall marry; any such distribution to be so made that all of the children may benefit equally. At Susannah Hoxton's death such live stock, furniture and plate as may remain to be equally divided among all their children. — Two hundred pounds currency to enable her to build a dwelling house on either of the tracts of land, Saint Elizabeth or Blackwell, for her convenience and leaving it to her discretion whether to build or not. This sum of two hundred pounds to be in Negroes out of the remainder of the estate "to be valued at a just appraisement and the same to be rated in silver or gold (that is to say) Spanish Dollars at seven shillings and sixpence each & gold in the same proportion." — One third of the residue of personal property after payment of just debts. Testator's wearing apparel not to be considered as part of the residue but to be disposed of by Susannah Hoxton as she thinks proper. — To Susannah Hoxton, daughter, Negro girl named Sarah (daughter of Katy) with her future increase. Also $\frac{1}{5}$ of $\frac{8}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of residue of estate. — To Racheal Hoxton, daughter, Negro girl named Ciss with her future increase. Also $\frac{1}{5}$ of $\frac{8}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the residue of estate. — To Juliana Hoxton, daughter, Negro girl named Grace with her future increase. Also $\frac{1}{5}$ of $\frac{8}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of residue of estate. — To Ann Mary Hoxton, daughter, Negro girl named Mary (daughter of Pegg) with her future increase. Also $\frac{1}{5}$ of $\frac{8}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of residue of estate. — To Stanislaus Hoxton, son, Negro girl named Christina with her future increase. Also $\frac{1}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of residue of the estate. (Stanislaus also to have the land, Saint Elizabeth, upon death of his mother as above provided). — To Mary Ann Hoxton, youngest daughter, Negro girl named Hanah (daughter of Pegg) with her future increase. Also $\frac{1}{5}$ of $\frac{8}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of residue of estate. — To Walter Hyde Hoxton, son, Negro woman named Phillis deeded to him and to be considered as "being in lue of a particular legacy." Also $\frac{1}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the residue of estate. (Walter Hyde also to have the land called Blackwell upon death of his mother as provided above.) — Testator names his wife Susannah Hoxton, his nephew Benjamin Harrison and his son Walter Hyde Hoxton to be Executors and revokes all other wills heretofore made.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF WALTER HYDE¹² HOXTON OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, dated March 17, 1784 and Proved April 26, 1784. Witnesses: James Freeman, Edward Lloyd Wailes, Joseph Mudd. (Hall of Records, Annapolis; Prince George's Co. Wills, Box 14, Folder 62.) ——— Sufficient personal property to be sold for payment of all just debts if enough money "cannot be collected of what is due me." — To Stanislaus Hoxton, half brother. Three tracts of land, viz: Brooke Court and Joseph and Mary, also a tract of land called Blackwell bequeathed to the Testator by his father, containing in all about 793½ acres. If Stanislaus should die without an heir the said lands should pass to Testator's half sister, Ann Mary Hoxton, her heirs and assigns forever. If both Stanislaus and Ann Mary died without heirs, the lands were to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among Testator's half sisters then living. — Testator empowers the presiding Judge of Charles County Court to convey his title to a tract of land called Marsh and occupied by Aaron Goodrich to one Raphael Boarman who purchased the land at a public sale conducted by Walter Brooke and Edward Lloyd Wailes for Thomas S. Lee and the Testator, the said Boarman having given his bond to Testator for the purchase money. — To Ann Mary Hoxton, half sister. Testator's interest in a tract of land in Charles County called the Loving Brothers and containing about 100 acres, also all of Testator's right and title to all other lands in Charles County which he might inherit. — To The Reverend Mr. John Bolton, Twenty pounds current money. — To Walter Brooke, "my much esteemed friend," Forty pounds current money, to be paid immediately after Testator's decease. — "Whereas my Honored Grandmother Susanna Hoxton did * * * * bequeath to me and my brother, John Hoxton, one fourth part of the residue of her estate, and as John Hoxton has since died, the money being in the hands of the Executor, Clement Smith, I do claim the whole of the said fourth part. After my just debts are paid I give the same unto my sister Ann Mary Hoxton." — "My half part of the Sloop called Caroline to be put up to publick sale to the highest bidder at Magraders Ware House at Twelve Months Credit, and the Money arising from the sail to be applied to the discharge of my Debts." — To Stanislaus Hoxton, half brother, "All my Wareing Apparrell." — To Ann Mary Hoxton, half sister, All the residue of the estate after payment of debts. — Testator names his "much esteemed friend" Mr. Richard Edelen as Executor.

We note that Walter Hyde¹² Hoxton possessed "Brooke Court" and "Joseph & Mary" in his own right, only "Blackwell" being bequeathed to him by his father. He speaks of his "Honored Grandmother Susanna Hoxton" but makes no reference to his stepmother. He was about 27 years old when he died. He is evidently fond of his half sister, Anne Mary Hoxton.

John¹² Hoxton died before his father. He seems to have left no will. Oswald Brooke, as administrator, filed a final report, 9th. February, 1791, distributing a balance of £96/19/8, among his living half sisters, his half brother and the executor of his brother, Walter Hyde¹² Hoxton. No mention of half sister, Mary Ann Hoxton, probably then dead.

Walter¹¹ Hoxton married *second*, Susanna Harrison, daughter of Richard and Rachel (Smith) Harrison. This Mrs. Rachel (Smith) Harrison, was the daughter of Mrs. Susanna (Brooke) Smith, who by her *second* marriage was also mother of Walter¹¹ Hoxton. Thus Mrs. Rachel (Smith) Harrison was Walter¹¹ Hoxton's half sister, and her daughter, Susanna Harrison who married Walter¹¹ Hoxton was his half niece.* A special dispensation must have been obtained from the Catholic authorities for this marriage, as it was within the proscribed degrees of consanguinity. As Mrs. Susanna Hoxton was a very devout Catholic and Walter¹¹ Hoxton probably a nominal one, this dispensation was no doubt granted. The date of Susanna Harrison's birth is not known, but she is described as a very old woman when she died in 1808, and was probably about the same age as her husband Walter¹¹ Hoxton. The date of this marriage is also unknown, but it was probably, as will be shown, about 1765, and thus prior to 23rd. June, 1767, the date of his mother's Mrs. Susanna Hoxton's will, and probably accounts for her failure to mention her son Walter¹¹ in her will.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF SUSANNA (HARRISON) HOXTON OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, dated 24th March, 1808 and Proved September 6, 1808. Witnesses: James Somervill, James Gibson. (Hall of Records — Prince George's County Wills, Liber TT No. 1, Folio 4). — To Stanislaus Hoxton, son — Five negro slaves; all sheep; all black cattle; one half of hogs; one half of poultry; one half of horses, except carriage horses and horse ridden by man driving carriage; all plantation utensils including cart, seine, seine ropes and boat used in hauling seine; first choice of bed and furniture. Also "old Peg my cook" who is to be cared for and maintained by Stanislaus (who has her husband) and "to be indulged and treated kindly and not to be made to work, as she has been a good and faithful servant." — To John Thomas Hoxton, grandson — One negro slave. — To Mary Hoxton, granddaughter — One negro slave. — To Susanna, daughter — Three negro slaves; one half household and kitchen furniture; one half wearing apparel. — To Mary Hoxton Cury, granddaughter — Two negro slaves. — To Callista Cury, granddaughter — One negro slave. — To Rachel, daughter — Two negro slaves. — To Rachel Hoxton Brooke, granddaughter — Three negro slaves and one third of residue of personal property. — To Jane Eliza Pie Brooke, granddaughter. — One negro slave. — To Walter Baker Brooke, grandson — One negro slave. — To Juliana, daughter — Six

*The degree of relationship existing between Walter¹¹ Hoxton and his *second* wife, Susannah Harrison, as stated above, is best illustrated as follows:

Susanna Brooke (daughter of Clement and Jane [Sewall] Brooke) married *first* Walter Smith; *second* Hyde Hoxton.

Susanna Brooke and her *first* husband Walter Smith had issue, Rachel Smith married Richard Harrison and had issue, Susanna Harrison married (as his *second* wife) Walter¹¹ Hoxton.

Susanna Brooke and her *second* husband Hyde¹⁰ Hoxton had issue, Walter¹¹ Hoxton married (as his *second* wife) Susanna Harrison (as above shown).

negro slaves; one half of hogs; one half of poultry; one half of household and kitchen furniture; one half of wearing apparel; one half of horses, except carriage horse and horse ridden by man driving carriage. — To Sarah Middleton, granddaughter — Four negro slaves; carriage; carriage horse and horse ridden by man driving carriage; one third of residue of personal property. — To Susanna Harrison Middleton, granddaughter — One negro slave. — To Ann Mary, daughter — Two negro slaves. — To Maria Neal, granddaughter — Two Negro slaves; One third of residue of personal property. — To Susanna Hoxton Neal, granddaughter, One negro slave. — To Elizabeth Carrico — Twenty five dollars. — To Monica Carrico — Twenty five dollars. — Negro slave, Abraham, is given his freedom. (Thirty eight slaves are mentioned by name and when women their future increase is generally included in the legacies.) — Stanislaus Hoxton, son of the Testatrix, is named sole Executor.

Both original will and record copy are in very bad condition. The inventory of personal property totaled \$10,300.50; 10th September, 1810. (Prince George's Co. records, Exec. and Adm. Acts TT1, fos. 103, 108, 369, and TT3, fo. 152.)

Walter¹¹ Hoxton and his *second* wife, Susanna Harrison, had issue (the order given here being that found in the wills of the said Walter¹¹ and of his wife Susanna (as given above), except that she places Stanislaus first):*

1. Susanna¹² Hoxton, b. 1766-7, mar. — Curry (or Cury), and had issue: a. Mary Hoxton¹³ Curry: — b. Callista¹³ Curry.

2. Rachel¹² Hoxton, b. 1767-9, mar. Oswald Brooke; of whom hereafter.

3. Julianna¹² Hoxton, b. 1769-71, mar. (lic. 10th Nov. 1789) Theodore Middleton; of whom hereafter.

4. Ann Mary¹² Hoxton, b. 1771-74, mar. — Neal, issue: a. Maria¹³ Neal; b. Susanna Hoxton¹³ Neal.

5. STANISLAUS¹² HOXTON (*circa* 1775-1824), mar. Mary Hawkins Semmes (1780-1823); of whom hereafter.

6. Mary Ann¹² Hoxton, "youngest daughter," died prior to 9th Feb. 1791; not mentioned in distribution of the estate of John¹² Hoxton, her half brother.

Nothing further is known about the Curry or Neal marriages as the Christian names of husbands are not given.

Oswald Brooke left a will dated 20th. November, 1791, probated 21st. October, 1800. He mentioned sons Walter Baker Brooke and Leonard Oswald Brooke, and daughters Rachel Hoxton Brooke and Jane Eloisa Brooke (note difference from grandmother's will). He does not mention his wife. The daughters are evidently older than the sons. In 1812, Stanislaus¹² Hoxton was guardian of Walter Baker Brooke, orphan of Oswald Brooke, decd.

Rachel Hoxton Brooke left in will dated 19th. April, 1810, prob. 3rd. August, 1810; to uncle Stanislaus Hoxton and to Aunt Mary H. Hoxton

*The exact dates of births, deaths and marriages of these children are unknown except in a very few cases, but from these and other known facts some conclusions can be drawn. The approximate dates given will be discussed later.

each a negro; to her mother Rachel Brooke, negroes; to Roman Catholic Church \$80, and to Sarah Middleton and Elizabeth Tolson each \$10 to buy mourning lockets. Residue of estate to be used for education of her two brothers. Stanislaus Hoxton appointed executor. (Note that her mother is alive although not mentioned in her husband's will.)

This will gives a possible clue to the date of Walter¹¹ Hoxton's *second* marriage. As Rachel Hoxton Brooke must have been 21 years old when she made this will, she was born prior to 19th. April 1789, and hence it is unlikely that her mother, Rachel Hoxton, was born later than 19th. April, 1769. This is strengthened by the date of marriage of her younger sister, Julianna¹² Hoxton to Theodore Middleton, lic. November 10, 1789, and hence probably the said Julianna was born not later than 1771. It seems therefore that the eldest child, Susanna¹² Hoxton was probably born before Mrs. Susanna (Brooke) Smith-Hoxton made her will, June 23rd., 1767, and that Walter¹¹ Hoxton's *second* marriage took place circa 1765, soon after the death of his *first* wife. This makes stronger the belief that the failure of Walter¹¹ Hoxton's mother, Mrs. Susannah Hoxton, to mention him in her will was due to her disapproval of this marriage.

In Balances and Distributions, Vol. 6, p. 326, Hall of Records, Annapolis, is the following: Charles Co. 29th. January, 1774. Leonard Brooke exec. of Baker Brooke, decd. Balance £1061/12/8¼. Rachel Neal and Thos. Semmes Surities. Distribution as follows. To son Leonard £50, to Bar of Port Tobacco Parish £20. Residue to sons Baker, Oswald and Walter. It is probable that this Baker Brooke is Baker⁷ Brooke (Leonard⁶, Baker⁵——) *Maryland Historical Magazine*, Vol. I, p. 285. This line has not been followed further.

Julianna¹² Hoxton (daughter of Walter¹¹ and Susanna [Harrison] Hoxton) b. *circa* 1767-9; d.....; mar. (lic. 10th. Nov. 1789) Theodore Middleton, b. 3rd. March 1759; d. 16th. January 1844. Theodore Middleton, according to an affidavit made when he was applying for pension, 20th. August 1833, was, in April 1779 a lieutenant in 2nd Extra Regiment of the Maryline Line. He was later promoted Captain. Julianna¹² Hoxton and Theodore Middleton had issue: **

1. Chloe Ann¹³ Middleton (1803-1865) mar. Hezekiah Miller (circa 1787-1869); of whom hereafter. — 2. Mary¹³ Middleton mar. H. Tolson. — 3. Sarah¹³ Middleton mar. Francis Tolson. — 4. Charles S.¹³ Middleton; of whom hereafter. — 5. Henry O.¹³ Middleton. — 6. William H.¹³ Middleton. — 7. Theodore¹³ Middleton, mar. Elizabeth Debeules. — 8. Susan¹³ Middleton mar. Edward Tolson.

**We shall give the lines of descent of only two of these children, Mrs. Chloe Ann¹³ (Middleton) Miller, and her brother, Charles S.¹³ Middleton.

Chloe Anne¹³ Middleton (daughter of Theodore, and Julianna [Hoxton] Middleton) b. 1803; died 21st Sept. 1865, mar. 18th Aug. 1818, Hezekiah Miller, b. *circa* 1787; d. 1st Apr. 1869, Issue:

1. Anna Maria Clarke¹⁴ Miller, b. 9th Feb. 1821, d. 26th Apr. 1898; Mar. 31st Nov. 1846, George Armistead Leakin, b. Dec. 1818; d. 12th July 1912, B.A. and M.A. Princeton, D.D. St. John's. He was long Rector of Trinity Church, Baltimore, and Vice President of the Maryland Historical Society. Their daughter Annie Middleton¹⁵ Leakin, b. 25th June 1849; d. 15th Mar. 1942, mar. 15th Jan. 1877, Albert Willis Sioussat, b. 22nd Jan. 1848; d. 9th July 1933, and had issue: a. St. George Leakin¹⁶ Sioussat, b. 13th Mar. 1878; — b. William Leonard¹⁶ Sioussat, b. 27th Aug. 1887. Mrs. Albert W. Sioussat filled many important positions, among them President Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, later the National Council of Protestant Episcopal Church; Vice President and Historian of the Colonial Dames of America; Historian of the Maryland Society of Colonial Dames of America; Vice President of Arundell Club; Honorary Vice President State Federation of Women's Clubs of Maryland; Honorary Vice President of the Daughters of the Barons of Runnymede.

2. Washington¹⁴ Miller, b. 19th Sept. 1824; d. 14th Mar. 1872, mar. 22nd Nov. 1855, Sophie Ridgely Tolson, b. *circa* 1836, d. 26th June 1909, issue: a. Julia¹⁵ Miller, b. 6th Dec. 1866; d. 12th Sept. 1944, mar. 31st Aug. 1896, Ambrose Lincoln Chase, issue: Marguerite Bird¹⁶ Chase, b. 1st July 1900, mar. John Sprigg Duvall, Jr.

3. Lafayette¹⁴ Miller, born 19th Sept. 1824, d. 3^d July 1839.

Charles S.¹³ Middleton (son of Theodore and Julianna [Hoxton] Middleton), b., d., mar. *first*, 9th Jan. 1851, Olivia¹⁴ Hoxton (1824/5-1858) daughter of John Thomas¹³ Hoxton (*circa* 1800-1866), son of Stanislaus¹² Hoxton (*circa* 1775-1824) who was brother to Mrs. Julianna (Hoxton) Middleton (see above). Issue:

1. Julia,¹⁴ mar. Pleasonton Coombe. 2. Constance,¹⁴ mar. George L. Coombe. 3. Laura,¹⁴ mar. A. J. Auger. 4. Theodore Buchanan,¹⁴ b. 20th Oct. 1856; d. 7th Aug. 1929, mar. *first circa* 1875, Kate Pyles, b.; d. *circa* 1882, and had issue. He married *second*, 10th Nov. 1884, Amanda R. Pyles (who died in 1950, aged 94). They had nine children of whom Helen E.¹⁵ Middleton mar. Thomas S. Gwynn.

Charles S.¹³ Middleton mar. *second* (lic. 4th Oct. 1859) Mary Isabella¹⁴ Hoxton (a sister of his *first* wife) and had issue one child: 1. Eliza¹⁴ Middleton, mar. C. Clinton Gardner.

STANISLAUS¹² HOXTON, OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Stanislaus¹² Hoxton (son of Walter,¹¹ and Susanna [Harrison] Hoxton) b. *circa* 1775, d. 1824, mar. lic. 17 Jan. 1799, Mary Hawkins Semmes, b. 1780, d. 13 Feb. 1823, dau. of Dr. Edward and Sarah Middleton Semmes, dau. of Smith and Mary Hawkins Middleton. Through this marriage the issue of Stanislaus and Mary Hawkins Semmes Hoxton are descended from Thomas Gerard, one of the greatest landed proprietors of Maryland. (See Raphael T. Semmes', *Semmes and Allied Families*).

Stanislaus¹² Hoxton entered Georgetown College 3rd. March 1792 and left 3rd. Sept. 1795. By a deed of gift, dated 24 Dec. 1796, Susanna Hoxton gave to her son Stanislaus two colts, which seems to substantiate the estimate of Stanislaus' birth year as 1775. By a deed dated 12 Aug. 1799, she conveyed to him for £200, two negroes, James and Matilda and their increase, 20 head black cattle, 6 horses, 26 head sheep, 25 head hogs. As Stanislaus had married Mary H. Semmes the preceding January, he is probably setting

up his own home. He was elected in 1821 a Vestryman of St. John's Parish, Broad Creek, Prince George's County, Maryland. The will of Stanislaus¹² Hoxton, witnessed by John D. Ball, Susan H. Middleton and Mary H. Middleton, is dated 10 April 1823 and was probated 10 Feb. 1824. (Hall of Records, Annapolis, Prince George's County Wills, Lib. TT No. 1, Fol. 351). After freeing from slavery his negro man Gim, and providing for payment of debts, he leaves to his son, William W. Hoxton, his whole estate both real and personal. George Semmes is appointed sole executor. The inventory and appraisal of his personal property is as follows: One carriage \$80, four stacks of hay \$60, 7600 lbs of tobacco \$266, 125 bushels of wheat \$128.75. Total \$534.75. A list of debts due his estate is as follows: Henry McPherson about \$1300, John T. Wall \$1200, Thomas Wood about \$550. Total \$3050.

What land he held at the time of his death has not been determined. He bought or sold between 1800 and 1823 seventeen tracts, among those sold being all the large tracts that he had inherited.

The following items are from the Land Records of the District of Columbia, the portion of Prince George's County, Maryland, in which St. Elizabeth lay, having been taken to form part of the District of Columbia.

On 20th November, 1799 Susanna Hoxton conveyed to Stanislaus Hoxton her life interest in St. Elizabeth. (Liber E-5, fol. 81.)

18th January, 1802, Stanislaus Hoxton sold St. Elizabeth to James Barry, it being found by survey to contain 710 acres and 78 perches, for \$40.00 per acre, the total payment being \$28,419.50. A second survey, however, was made, and the tract was found to contain 739 acres and 62 perches, and, 28th December 1805, Stanislaus Hoxton gave James Barry a second deed, the acreage of St. Elizabeth being corrected, and James Barry paying Stanislaus Hoxton \$1,156.00 for the additional 28 acres and 144 perches, making the total sum received by Stanislaus Hoxton \$29,580.66 (Liber O-14, fol. 183).

There is also in the records a deed from George Semmes to Stanislaus Hoxton, 28th December 1805, 75 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, called Pencots Adventure and adjoining James Barry's land.

The identity of the dates of the last two deeds, and the fact that the last one was recorded 9th January 1806, and the other 10th January 1806, suggests a possible connection between them.

There is in Chancery Records, Hall of Records, Annapolis, account of a suit by Stanislaus Hoxton against William Pancort, who had encroached upon St. Elizabeth. William Pancort had patented 120 acres adjoining St. Elizabeth, which he called Pancort Adventure.

Stanislaus¹² Hoxton conveyed to George Semmes, his brother-in-law, 3rd. November, 1821, negroes, "Coolidge Farm" 50 acres, and "Retreat" 124

acres, all of which property George Semmes at once conveyed to Mary Hoxton. As his son, William W. Hoxton, was a minor when his father died, a guardian must have been appointed for him, and his accounts might show land held by Stanislaus¹² Hoxton at time of death.

From the will of Stanislaus¹² Hoxton (given above), the will of Mrs. Susanna (Harrison) Hoxton (also given *ante*) and the register of St. John's Parish, Broad Creek, Prince George's County we have the issue of the marriage of Stanislaus¹² and Mary Hawkins (Semmes) Hoxton, as follows:

1. JOHN THOMAS¹³ HOXTON, b. *circa* 1800; d. 1st Mar. 1866; listed as a physician in 1821 in Cordell's *Medical Annals of Maryland* 1799-1899, p. 446, and practiced in Prince George's County, Maryland. He mar. Margaretta Carroll Gover, b. 4th Oct. 1798; d. 14th Sept. 1870, dau. of Jarrett and Sarah Gover. Issue:

(a) Mary Isabella,¹⁴ b.; d.; mar. Charles S. Middleton. See above.

(b) Eliza,¹⁴ b., d. 2nd Nov. 1904, Mar. lic. 27th Jan. 1881; John Hanson Thomas Magruder, for many years State Librarian at Annapolis. No issue.

(c) Olivia¹⁴ b. 1824/5, d. 15th June 1858, mar. Charles S. Middleton. See above.

(d) Thomas Semmes¹⁴ b. 12th July 1830, d. 14th Oct. 1854, unmarried. A physician, graduate of the University of Maryland Medical School 1852.

(e) Clinton Giles,¹⁴ b. 11th Apr. 1832, died young.

(f) WILLIAM WILMER,¹⁴ b. 10th Mar. 1835, d. 13th July 1907, mar., Anne Zuelika (Smith?), b. 1837, d. 26th Nov. 1900. No issue.

(g) ROBERT MELVILLE,¹⁴ b. 6th Aug. 1836, d. 14th December 1908, mar. Mary Catherine McWilliams, b. 2nd Oct. 1835; d. 4th Aug. 1904: Issue: (i) Margaretta Gover¹⁵ Hoxton, b. 9th Aug. 1873, mar. 7th Feb. 1892, William T. Neal (issue: (a) Elizabeth Magruder¹⁶ Neal, b. 7th Sept. 1892, mar. 5th June 1922, Kenneth Wilson Cugle; issue Elizabeth¹⁷ b. 26th Mar. 1924; (b) Edith Marie¹⁶ Neal, b. 14th July 1894, d. 2nd Nov. 1917; entered Convent Franciscan Order, Peekskill, N. Y., as Sister Marie de Lourdes)..... (ii) FRANCIS GOVER¹⁵ HOXTON, b. 2nd Mar. 1876, d. 19th Oct. 1928, mar., Virginia Lindsley, b. 1881, d. 26th Nov. 1922 (issue: Francis Lindsley,¹⁶ d. 17th July 1917, 8 years old). Upon the death of Francis Gover¹⁵ Hoxton, representation of the senior male line passed to William Winslow¹⁵ Hoxton, eldest son of Llewellyn¹⁴ Hoxton (William Wilmer¹³; Stanislaus¹²).

2. Mary¹³ Hoxton, b. *circa* 1803; married, at her father's house, 22nd Dec. 1823, William Tolson, and had a daughter, Mary E.,¹⁴ as shown by will of William Tolson, dated 5th Oct. 1857, prob. 5th Feb. 1859. William Tolson married *second*, Jane E. Dement (lic. 28th Sept. 1835) and had by her five children to whom he leaves all of his estate, except \$25.00 to his "eldest daughter, Mary E. Tolson." as his estate would owe her \$1,333.33.

3. Eliza Jane¹³ Hoxton, b. 14th Mar. 1807, bap. 5th July 1807, probably died before 24th Mar. 1808, date of Susannah H. Hoxton's will, as the only children of Stanislaus¹² she mentions are John Thomas¹³ and Mary.¹³

4. William Wilmer¹³ Hoxton (1813-1855). Of whom hereafter.

5. (Possibly a son, Stanislaus¹³ Hoxton who died very young).

William Wilmer¹³ Hoxton (son of Stanislaus¹² and Sarah Hawkins [Semmes] Hoxton), b. 10th. August, 1813, d. in Alexandria, Virginia, 23rd. August, 1855. Entered the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1832 and graduated with the degree of M.D. in 1834. His army record is given by the Adjutant General, U.S.A. as follows:

"William W. Hoxton was appointed an Asst. Surgeon, United States Army, 24 August, 1835, from the District of Columbia. He accepted 24 August 1835; reported

for duty 18 September 1835 at Fort Moultrie, Florida; reported for duty 1 December 1835 at West Point, New York; reported for duty in Florida 14 November 1839 where he served at various posts until his resignation 30 September 1841 on account poor health. He was on leave of absence, at his residence in Alexandria, District of Columbia (now Alexandria, Virginia) from 27 June 1840 to 14 November 1840, and on detached duty to New York, New York, from the middle of June 1841 to 24 July 1841."

After Dr. Hoxton's resignation from the Army, he practiced medicine in Alexandria until his death. He was a Vestryman of Christ Church, Alexandria, from 1843 until his death in 1855 (Alexandria and what is now Arlington County were part of the District of Columbia from 1790 to 1846.)

Dr. William Wilmer¹³ Hoxton married in Alexandria, D. C. 17th. November, 1835, Eliza Llewellyn Griffith, b. 29th. November, 1817, d. 19th. March, 1854, daughter of Camillus and Eleanor (Williams) Griffith and granddaughter of the Reverend David Griffith, First Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Virginia, who was the son of David and Sarah (Winslow) Griffith. Issue:

1. Llewellyn G.¹⁴ (1838-1891); of whom hereafter. — 2. Sarah (Sallie) Griffith¹⁴ (1840-1923) mar. Alfred Magill Randolph (1836-1918) of whom hereafter. — 3. William¹⁴ (1844-1876), of whom hereafter. — 4. Mary Semmes¹⁴ (1846-1930), mar. Buckner Magill Randolph (1842-1903), of whom hereafter. — 5. Winslow Semmes,¹⁴ b. 1 Aug. 1849; d. 15 Feb. 1866, unmarried. — 6. Stanislaus,¹⁴ b. 16th Sept. 1851; d. 24 Aug. 1852.

Dr. William Wilmer¹³ Hoxton's will, dated 21st August, 1855 and prob. 3rd. September, 1855, is recorded in Will Book 7, p. 13, County Court of Alexandria County, Virginia. He leaves his watch to Llewellyn; her mother's ring to Sallie, and watch to Mary. Residue of estate, real and personal is left to executor, his friend Dr. Benjamin King, U.S.A., the income to be used for maintenance and education of his children, who are to board with their Aunt, Miss Sally W. Griffith. When all children have become of age, the estate is to be divided among them or their descendants per stirpes.

Llewellyn¹⁴ Hoxton (son of William W.¹³ and Eliza L. [Griffith] Hoxton); b. 18th. June, 1838; d. 12th. February, 1891; was appointed a Cadet at West Point by President Pierce, entering in 1856 as member of the third and last class to have five, instead of four, year course. He graduated in 1861 and, resigning from the U. S. Army, entered the service of the Confederate States. He was with the Western Army, becoming Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery, and with the Army of General Joseph E. Johnston when it surrendered in 1865. Returning to Virginia, he taught mathematics in two Maryland Schools and in 1870 accepted the position of Mathematics Master

in the Episcopal High School, near Alexandria, Virginia. In 1886 the Principal, Mr. Blackford, insisted that he accept the title of Associate Principal, a position which in actuality he had long filled. He died suddenly at breakfast February 12th, 1891. He married 14th. October, 1868, Fanny Robinson, b. 4th. June, 1841; d. 28th. June, 1921, daughter of Archibald and Anna Kearsley Mines Robinson. Issue:

1. WILLIAM WINSLOW¹⁵ (1871-1935), of whom hereafter. — 2. Anne Robinson,¹⁵ b. 13th July 1873, d. 16th July 1944; mar. 18th Apr. 1907, George Calvert Stuart, b. Aug.? 1875; d. 31 Aug. 1949, son of Turbeville and Rosalie Calvert Stuart; no issue. — 3. Archibald Robinson¹⁵ (1875-1951), of whom hereafter. — 4. Llewellyn Griffith¹⁵ (b. 1878), of whom hereafter.

William Winslow¹⁵ Hoxton (son of Llewellyn¹⁴ and Fanny [Robinson] Hoxton) b. 20th. May, 1871; d. 18th. December, 1935, taught at Trinity Hall, Louisville; Kentucky and the Episcopal High School 1890-94; edited magazine in St. Louis 1894-97; Manager of St. Louis Clearing House Association, 1906-14; Deputy Governor Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 1914-19; Secretary Federal Reserve Board in Washington, 1919-23; Chairman of Board and Federal Reserve Agent, Fifth District, Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Virginia, 1923-35. He mar. *first*, 20th. September, 1897, Abbie Frances Haines, b. 25th. March, 1871; d. 12th. May, 1902, issue:

1. LLEWELLYN KENNERLY,¹⁶ b. 24th Sept. 1898; mar. 5th June 1944, Isabella Rebecca East, b. 25th Jan. 1915, daughter of Luther Lafayette, and Nella Holmes Laughan East. No issue as yet. — 2. Abbie Frances,¹⁶ b. 5th Sept. 1900, mar. 12 Jan. 1923. Clarence Johnston Robinson, b. 12th Dec. 1897, son of Thomas Wilfred, and Frances Virginia Johnston Robinson. No issue as yet.

William Winslow¹⁵ Hoxton mar. *second*, 10th. September, 1904, Mabel Fraser Pearson, of Nottingham, England. No issue.

Archibald Robinson¹⁵ Hoxton (son of Llewellyn¹⁴ and Fanny [Robinson] Hoxton) b. 28th. June 1875; d. 14th. October, 1951; was student at University of Virginia, 1895-97, and 1899-1901. He taught at Episcopal High School 1897-99 and 1901-13 when he was appointed Principal, retiring in 1947. He received honorary degrees, Litt.D. University of the South and M.A. Princeton and Harvard. He mar. 16th. December, 1903, Sarah Oliphant Purvis Taylor, b. 23rd. September, 1878; d. 30th October, 1951, dau. of Charles Sinclair, and Mary Earle Purvis Taylor. Issue:

1. Mary Earle¹⁶ b. 29th Sept. 1904, mar. 21st May 1929, William Whann Mackall, Jr., b. 2nd Nov. 1894. (Issue: a. Mary Earle¹⁷ b. 17th July 1933; b. Aminta Sorrell,¹⁷ b. 15th Oct. 1937); — 2. Archibald Robinson, II¹⁶ b. 20th Apr. 1916; Head Master, Fairfield Country Day School, Fairfield, Conn.; mar. 16th Aug. 1941, Ruth de Windt b. 24th Apr. 1917, dau. of Delano and Ruth Church de Windt, (issue: a. Archibald Robinson, III,¹⁷ b. 21 Oct. 1943; b. Ann,¹⁷ b. 13th Sept. 1946).

Llewellyn Griffith¹⁵ Hoxton (son of Llewellyn and Fanny [Robinson] Hoxton) b. 28th. April, 1878; University of Virginia, M.A., 1900; Fellow in Physics, Johns Hopkins University, 1905-06; Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University 1916; Assistant Physicist National Bureau of Standards, 1901-05; University of Virginia Adjutant Professor, 1906-07; Associate Professor and acting Chairman of department, 1907-16, Professor and Chairman of department, 1916-49 when he retired. Served in World War I in National Bureau of Standards; in World War II in Office of Science Research and Development, and Office of Naval Ordnance. Eclipse expeditions, Spain 1905, Oregon 1918, California 1923. Member various scientific societies, Fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Phys. Society. (For full details see *American Men of Science*). He mar. 2nd. September, 1908, Helen Grayson Jones, b. 7th August 1880, dau. of Philip Bickerton, and Betty Morris Jones. Issue:

1. Betty Morris,¹⁶ b. 3rd Jan. 1914, d. 6th Jan. 1914. — 2. Fanny Robinson,¹⁶ b. 22nd Apr. 1916, mar. 26th Dec. 1942, Bernard James Diggs, II, b. 11th July 1916, son of Bernard James, and Anne Viola Petree Diggs, (issue: Llewellyn Hoxton,¹⁷ b. 20th Oct. 1950).

Sarah (Sallie) Griffith¹⁴ Hoxton (daughter of William Wilmer,¹³ and Eliza Llewellyn [Griffith] Hoxton) b. 25th. January, 1840; d. 6th. June, 1923; mar. 27th. April, 1859, Alfred Magill Randolph, b. 31st. August, 1836; d. 6th. April, 1918 (son of Robert Lee, and Mary Buckner Thruston [Magill] Randolph). Alfred Magill Randolph graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1855, and from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1858. Ordained Priest in 1860. His charges were: St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 1858-62; Mt. Laurel Church, Halifax County, Virginia, 1864-66; Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia, October, 1866; Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, Maryland, 1867-83. He served as Chaplain, C.S.A., in hospitals in Danville, Virginia, and with the troops in the Valley. He received the honorary degrees of D.D. in 1875 from the College of William and Mary, and LL.D. in 1884 from Washington and Lee University. He was consecrated Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, 31st. October, 1883, and on the division of the Diocese in 1892, having the option of remaining as Assistant Bishop of Virginia or becoming the first Bishop of Southern Virginia, he chose the latter. Issue:

1. Robert Lee¹⁵ (1860-1919), of whom hereafter. — 2. Eliza Llewellyn¹⁵ (1862-1910), mar. James Murray Ambler (1856-1934); of whom hereafter. — 3. Mary Thruston,¹⁵ b. 6th July 1865; d. 3rd Oct. 1873. — 4. Alfred Magill¹⁵ (1868-1927), of whom hereafter. — 5. Sallie Winslow,¹⁵ b. 9th Feb. 1870; d. 10th July 1891, unmarried. — 6. Evelyn Barton¹⁵ (1872-1943), mar. James F. Wright (b. 1873); of whom hereafter. — 7. Eleanor Colville¹⁵ (b. 1875), mar. Theodore Stanford Garnett, II (1875-1948); of whom hereafter. — 8. Frances Hoxton,¹⁵ b. 7th

Jan. 1878, mar. 20th Nov. 1902, Richard Cornelius Taylor, II, of Norfolk, Va., b. 7th Oct. 1862; d. 30th Jan. 1933; no issue.

Robert Lee¹⁵ Randolph (son of Alfred Magill and Sarah Griffith¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph), b. 1st. December, 1860; d. 12th. December, 1919; Physician, Baltimore, Maryland, mar. 15th. April, 1891, Phoebe Waite Elliott, of Beaufort, South Carolina, b. 5th. November, 1868; d. 15th. January, 1915. Issue:

1. Alfred Magill,¹⁶ b. 25th Feb. 1892; d. 15th Sept. 1942; mar. 29th Aug. 1925 Ruth Arnold, b. 26th Sept. 1899 (issue: a. Robert Elliott,¹⁷ b. 15th Aug. 1926, d. 20th Aug. 1926). — 2. Anne Stuart,¹⁶ b. 12th Dec. 1894; mar. 21st Feb. 1920, Alden Kimball. — 3. Robert Lee, II,¹⁶ b. 19th May 1895; d. 26th Oct. 1944, mar. 15th Oct. 1925, Julia McHenry, b. 26th Feb. 1902 (issue: a. Robert Lee, III,¹⁷ b. 21st Aug. 1926. — b. Priscilla Stuart,¹⁷ b. 19th Mar. 1928). — 4. Phoebe Elliott,¹⁶ b. 3rd Sept. 1896; mar. *first*, 2nd June 1919, Baldwin Day Spilman (issue: a. Phoebe Elliott,¹⁷ b. 4th May 1922; mar. 26th Aug. 1943, Charles Brune Levering; b. Sally Hoxton,¹⁷ b. 19th Nov. 1924; mar. 30th Sept. 1950, Maximilian Agassiz Tufts). Mrs. Phoebe Elliott (Randolph¹⁶) Spilman, divorced; mar. *second*, 12th Dec. 1934, William Henry Pool, b. 8th May 1882. — 5. Dorothea Winslow,¹⁶ b. 4th Jan. 1899, mar. 4th May 1918, Norborne Berkeley (issue: a. Dorothea Randolph,¹⁷ b. 20th Sept. 1920. — b. Norborne, II,¹⁷ b. 5th June 1922). — 6. Middleton Elliott,¹⁶ b. 15th July 1905; mar. 6th Oct. 1934, Pickett Davis, b. 22nd Sept. 1909, (issue: a. Pickett Davis¹⁷, b. 30 May 1938; — b. Middleton Elliott, II,¹⁷ b. 10th Jan. 1942).

Eliza Llewellyn¹⁵ Randolph (daughter of Alfred Magill and Sarah Griffith¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph) b. 18th. November, 1862; d. 9th. August, 1910, mar. 12th. January, 1886, James Murray Ambler, b. 12th. August, 1856; d. 8th April, 1934. Attorney at law, Baltimore, Maryland; Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Issue:

1. Sally Hoxton,¹⁶ b. 27th Feb. 1887, mar. July 1915, James Branson Kempton, b. 5th Sept. 1880, d. 28th Dec. 1920 (issue: a. William Branson,¹⁷ b. 6th Sept. 1916, mar. 4th Sept. 1944, Mary Jane Prim, issue: Victoria Prim.¹⁸ — b. James Murray,¹⁷ b. 16th Dec. 1917, mar. 19th Mar. 1942, Nina Bluethenthal, issue: Sally,¹⁸ b. 15th Jan. 1943; James Murray,¹⁸ b. 4th Aug. 1945; Arthur,¹⁸ b. 4th Mar. 1949). — 2. Virginia Mason,¹⁶ b. 10th Apr. 1893.

Alfred Magill¹⁵ Randolph II, (son of Alfred Magill and Sarah Griffith¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph) b. 27th. March, 1868; d. 12th. December, 1927, mar. 17th. April, 1900, Elizabeth Cabell Pace, of Richmond, Virginia, b. 1st. October, 1870; d. 3rd. February, 1946. Issue:

1. Alfred Pace,¹⁶ b. 27th Feb. 1901, mar. 17th Jan. 1931, Lucy Dabney Tunstall, b. 7th Dec. 1910, (issue: a. Alfred Magill,¹⁷ b. 8th Nov. 1934. 2. Virginia Carter,¹⁶ b. 20th June 1909, mar. 25th May 1946, Paul Gordon Young, b. 10th Jan. 1909.)

Evelyn Barton¹⁵ Randolph (daughter of Alfred Magill, and Sarah Griffith¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph) b. 15th. March, 1872; d. 1st. October, 1943, mar. 7th. April, 1910, James F. Wright, b. 9th. December, 1873, Attorney at law, Norfolk, Virginia. Issue:

1. Eliza Llewellyn,¹⁶ b. 26th Sept. 1911, mar. 19th June 1941, Richard Porter Thomsen, b. 8th Dec. 1912, principal Episcopal High School (issue: a. Evelyn Randolph,¹⁷ b. 12th Aug. 1944; — b. Richard Porter, II,¹⁷ b. 9th Sept. 1946).

Eleanor Colville¹⁵ Randolph (daughter of Alfred Magill. and Sarah Griffith¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph), b. 1st July, 1875, mar. 25th. April, 1901, Theodore Stanford Garnett II, b. 8th. September, 1875; d. 14th. January, 1948. Attorney at law, Norfolk, Virginia. Issue:

1. Theodore Stanford, III,¹⁶ b. 14th July 1905, mar. 25th Nov. 1931, Mildred Tyler Wilson, b. 6th Apr. 1906 (issue: a. Theodore Stanford, IV,¹⁷ b. 14th July 1934; — b. Mildred Tyler,¹⁷ b. 29th May 1939) — 2. Eleanor Randolph,¹⁶ b. 2nd Feb. 1909, mar. 18th Apr. 1932, Richard Willing Byrd Ruffin, b. 27th Oct. 1898 (issue: a. Eleanor Randolph,¹⁷ b. 13th May 1933; — b. Cordelia Byrd,¹⁷ b. 11th May 1937. — c. Lelia Garnett,¹⁷ b. 1st Mar. 1942). — 3. Alfred Randolph,¹⁶ b. 2nd Dec. 1913, mar. 24th Mar. 1948, Gretchen Ahlswede, b. 9th Nov. 1917.

William¹⁴ Hoxton (son of William W.¹³ and Eliza [Griffith] Hoxton) b. 30th. March, 1844; d. 31st. May, 1876; entered the College of William and Mary, 5th. October, 1860 and was one of 33 students who on 8th. January, 1861 successfully petitioned the faculty to form a military company. Apparently before the company could be organized and equipped most of the students left the College to join the Confederate States Army, as lectures were suspended 10th. May, 1861. William¹⁴ Hoxton served with Pelham's battery of Stuart's Horse Artillery. In *Southern Historical Society Papers*, Vol. XXX, p. 349, "First Lt. William Hoxton wounded badly at Trevillian Station." This was in June, 1864. He was brevetted Captain, and after the War studied for the ministry at Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating in the class of 1868. He was ordained Deacon 26th. June, 1868 and Priest 22nd. November, 1869. His charges were Emmanuel Church, Chatham, Virginia, 1868-70, St. Luke's Church, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, near Smithfield, 1871, Grace Church, Cumberland County, Virginia, 1872-73, and Grace Church, Casanova, Fauquier County, Virginia, 1874-76. He mar. 1st. July, 1868, in St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, Lucy Tucker Minnigerode, b. 19th. October, 1847, d. 26th. February, 1887, dau. of the Reverend Charles Frederick, and Mary Carter Minnigerode. Issue:

1. Mary Carter,¹⁵ b. 20th Apr. 1869; d. 2nd Feb. 1943; mar. 19th Oct. 1893, in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Va., by her grandfather, to Samuel Brooke, of Portland Manor, Anne Arundel Co. Md. (his second wife). He was the son of Samuel Leeke, and Eliza Van Dyke Williams Brooke. Issue one son who died soon after birth. — 2. Eliza (Elizabeth) Griffith,¹⁵ b. 11th Oct. 1870; d. 24th Apr. 1948, mar. 27th Nov. 1894, in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Va. (by her uncle, the Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph), to Legh Wilber Reid, Jr., b. 18th Nov. 1867; Grad. V.M.I., 1887, A.B., J.H.U. 1889, M.Sc., Princeton, 1896; Ph.D. Göttingen, 1899; Instr. Math. Princeton, 1893-97, 1899-1900. Haverford College, Instr. 1900-01, Assoc. Prof. 1901-07, Professor 1907-34; retired, 1934, Professor of Mathematics Emeritus. No issue. He is the son of Legh Wilber Reid, Lt. Col. C.S.A., and Emma Catherine Jackson Reid. Col. Legh W. Reid graduated V.M.I. 1858. On outbreak of war entered C.S.A. as Lt. Col. 36th Va. Inf.; served under Gen. Floyd; wounded at Fort Donelson; later Lt. Col. 17th Va. Cavalry; lost a leg, Oct. 9th 1864, while serving under Gen. Early in the Shenandoah Valley. — 3. Charles Minnigerode,¹⁵ b. 19th Dec. 1873; d. 24th Feb. 1875.

Mary Semmes¹⁴ Hoxton (daughter of William W.¹³ and Eliza [Griffith] Hoxton), b. 23rd. November, 1846; d. 11th. January, 1930; mar. (in Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, Maryland by her brother-in-law, the Rev. Alfred Magill Randolph), 13th. October, 1868 to Buckner Magill Randolph, b. 8th. July, 1842; d. 11th. August, 1903, son of Robert Lee and Mary Buckner Thruston Magill Randolph. At the age of 18 years Buckner Magill Randolph enrolled in Company C, 49th Virginia Infantry as 2nd Lieutenant. After first battle of Manassas he was elected Captain of that Company and when a Company of sharpshooters was later formed, Captain Randolph was placed in command. He entered Virginia Theological Seminary in 1879 and was ordained Priest in 1882. He served as Rector of St. Luke's Church, Powhatan County, Virginia about three years, and from 1st October, 1885 until death, as Rector of Emmanuel Church, Brook Hill, Henrico County, Virginia. Issue:

1. Winslow Hoxton¹⁵ (1869-1939), of whom hereafter. — 2. Buckner Magill, II¹⁵ (1871-1939) of whom hereafter. — 3. Roberta Lee,¹⁵ b. 16th Feb. 1873; unmarried. 4. Mary Magill¹⁵ (b. 1876) mar. John Brooke Mordecai, b. 1878 of whom hereafter. — 5. Sally Hoxton¹⁵ (b. 1881), mar. Laurence Mortimer Miller (1874-1950) of whom hereafter.

Winslow Hoxton¹⁵ Randolph (son of Buckner Magill and Mary Semmes¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph) b. 29th. October, 1869; d. 24th. October, 1939; Principal St. Alban's School, Radford, Virginia and Emerson Institute, Washington, D. C.; mar. 9th. July, 1896, Margaret Duncan Robinson, of St. Louis, Missouri, b. 24th. February, 1871, d. 17th. April, 1937. Issue:

1. Archibald Robinson,¹⁶ b. 11th May 1897, mar. 24th Dec. 1921, Sylvia Appleton, b. 8th Mar. 1901 (issue: a. Sylvia,¹⁷ b. 5th Feb. 1923; — b. Archibald Robinson, II,¹⁷ b. 2nd Oct. 1926, mar. 6th Oct. 1951, Kathleen Ribble Lunsford, b. 5th Aug. 1927; — c. Dale Appleton,¹⁷ b. 9th July 1930) — 2 Winslow Hoxton, II,¹⁶ b. 28th July 1902, mar. first 25th Mar. 1925, Louise H. Hancock (issue: Winslow Hoxton, III,¹⁷ b. 7th Aug. 1928.) He was divorced, and mar. second, April 1935, Mary Howard, b. 31st Oct. 1906. — 3. Cary Jacquelin¹⁶ b. 7th Dec. 1903, mar. 30th Oct. 1937, Polly Herndon Werth, b. 14th July 1915 (issue: a. Molly Fontaine,¹⁷ b. 8th Nov. 1944; — b. Roberta Peale,¹⁷ b. 9th Mar. 1949). — 4. Margaret Duncan,¹⁶ b. 15th April 1907, mar. first 2nd Nov. 1926, Henry Steiner Dunbar, II (issue: Henry Steiner, III,¹⁷ b. 9th Oct. 1927, mar. 26th May 1951, Doris Thompson Espey, b. 1st Dec. 1919) Mrs. Margaret Duncan (Randolph) Dunbar, divorced, 1938, and mar. second, 22nd Nov. 1940, Joseph Paige Marshall.

Buckner Magill¹⁵ Randolph II (son of Buckner Magill and Mary Semmes¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph) b. 21st. August, 1871; d. 1st. July, 1939; Physician; Major Medical Corps, U. S. Army, World War I; mar. first, 18th. June, 1902, Clara Pauline Rathbone, b. 15th. September, 1872; d. 25th April, 1919. Issue:

1. Buckner Magill, III,¹⁶ b. 29th May 1903, unmarried. — 2. Louise Harris,¹⁶ b. 15th Nov. 1904, mar. 7th Mar. 1931, Harry Livingston Hartley, b. 2nd Dec. 1900 (issue: a. Charles

Randolph,¹⁷ b. 9th Dec. 1931; ——.b. Robert Fletcher,¹⁷ b. 10th June 1933; ——.c. Bettina Rathbone,¹⁷ b. 14th May 1937). Buckner Magill Randolph, II¹⁵ mar. *second*, 21st Apr. 1922, Mrs. Katherine (Compton) Berry, b. 8th Nov. 1875; d. 5th Dec. 1945. No issue.

Mary Magill¹⁵ Randolph (daughter of Buckner Magill and Mary Semmes¹⁴ [Hoxton] Randolph) b. 29th. June, 1876; mar. 29th. September, 1904, John Brooke Mordecai, b. 8th. November, 1878; Traffic Manager, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, 1918-1946; son of William Young and Helen Alves (Norwood) Mordecai of "Rosewood," Henrico County, Virginia. Issue:

1. Mary Randolph,¹⁶ b. 13th Feb. 1906, mar. 20th May 1940, Thomas Rutherford le Baron Goodwin, b. 5th Jan. 1901, (his second wife); no issue as yet. ——. 2. William Young,¹⁶ b. 17th Aug. 1907; d. 23rd June 1908. ——. 3. Bertha Lee,¹⁶ b. 22nd June 1909, mar. 16th Sept. 1939, Howard Clark Willett, b. 23rd Aug. 1912 (issue: John Clark,¹⁷ b. 23rd May 1947) ——. 4. Helen Norwood,¹⁶ b. 21st Jan. 1911, mar. 12th Nov. 1932, Allan Bernard Ferguson, II, divorced 1941 (issue: Allan Bernard, III,¹⁷ b. 10th Apr. 1936, d. 29th May 1936). ——. 5. Rosina Ursula,¹⁶ b. 6th Sept. 1912, mar. 6th Dec. 1933, Joseph Lawrence Lyle, b. 30th Mar. 1900 (issue: Joseph Lawrence, II,¹⁷ b. 25th Oct. 1936).

Sally Hoxton¹⁵ Randolph (daughter of Buckner Magill and Mary Semmes¹⁴ (Hoxton) Randolph) b. 25th. April, 1881; mar. 27th. May, 1902, Laurence Mortimer Miller, b. 7th July, 1874; d. 7th March, 1950; Insurance and Trust Company executive, Captain U. S. Army Intelligence, World War I. Issue:

1. Llewellyn,¹⁶ b. 23rd Sept., 1904; mar. 5th May 1929, Sarah Peale Watts, b. 14th July 1909. No issue as yet.

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